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to a standstill Monday by an open-ended strike by workers seeking higher pay in northern Lebanon. About 500 workers and employees at the state-run harbour said they would return to work only when Prime Minister Rafik Hariri's government accepted demands for wage hikes and improved social security conditions. The 2,000-strong workforce of Beirut port also is threatening to strike for similar reasons. The 350,000-strong General Federation of Labour Trade Unions has declared support for the demands. It is the first public challenge to Mr. Hariri government, which came to power Oct. 31 vowing to speedily lift the country from the economic havoc of 15 years of civil war. Mr. Hariri, a self-made billionaire backed by Saudi Arabia and Syria, has managed to boost the national currency but failed to curb inflation and lower prices of basic commodities. The Lebanese pound, which rated 2,000 to the U.S. dollar before Mr. Hariri's takeover, has since risen to 1,750 to the dollar on the exchange market. But there was no corresponding improvement in the currency's purchasing power. Mr. Hariri has said economic improvement would be felt only after the lapse of six months from his accession to power. Lebanon suffered up to \$25 billion worth of destruction during the 1975-1990 civil war, by U.N. estimates.

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NEW YORK (Agencies)

More arrests and more search

warrants are expected this week

in connection with the bombing

of the World Trade Centre, the

New York head of the Federal

Bureau of Investigations (FBI)

said Monday, as investigators get

their first chance to examine the

Two more flats in Jersey City,

New Jersey, were searched over

the weekend. FBI spokesman

Joseph Valiquette said Monday.

He denied news reports that a

man was detained in one of the

Much of the investigation has

been centred in Jersey City, lo-

cated across the Hudson River

from New York. The main sus-

pect in the case, Mohammad

Salameh, had a flat there and

rented the van believed to have

James Fox, New York director

for the FBI, said more develop-

ments were expected this week.

search warrants, and possibly

arrest warrants, this week," Mr.

Fox said on the ABC programme

But Mr. Fox added the inves-

tigation would be a long one,

going on 'for months, at least.' Mr. Salameh, born in the West

Bank, is the only person formally

charged in the bombing so far.

Authorities have said a second

man accompanied Mr. Salameh

when he rented the van. They

have refused to give his identity.

Aside from Mr. Salameh,

Egyptian-born Ibrahim Al Gab-

rowny is also being held after his

arrest on Thursday on charges of

obstructing federal agents who

raided his apartment in the New

York City borough of Brooklyn.

ment that he was a suspect in the

bombing, noting several ties be-

tween the two suspects. Mr.

Salameh gave Mr. Gabrowny's

address as his home when he

applied for a New York State

Prosecutors said at his arraign-

'Good Morning America."

"We could have additional

carried the bomb.

in blast

site of massive blast.

# Iraqis arrest 2 Pakistanis on border

They were apprehended by the Iraqis." He told Reuters the incdent occurred on March 4. The two belong to a brigade of Pakistani army engineers helping to destroy thousands of mines and other unexploded ordnance remaining from Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait and the Gulf war.

### Kaddoumi visits Syria

TUNIS (R) — Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) political department, left for Damascus Monday to press for a meeting of the Arab parties in the Middle East peace process, PLO officials said. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa said last month Syria would convene an Arab conference in Damascus to try to relaunch Middle East peace talks and solve the question of Palestinian deportees. But so far Syria has not given invitations or set a date for such a meeting of the foreign ministers of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and a senior representative of the PLO.

### Algerian party 🌯 rejects crisis talks

ALGIERS (R) - One of Algeria's main opposition pirties, the Socialist Forces Front (FS), said Monday it would not aftend talks planned by the presidency to seek a solution to the country's crisis. The army-backed collective presidency planned to start talks with opposition politicians this week, after a year of political upheaval. lamentalist unduring 1993. rest. So far, only the former

ruling National Liberation Front has said publicly it will take part but stressed the talks must not be "a banal repetition" of earlier. ones. The FFS, led by veteran independence war leader Hocine Ait Ahmad, said in a statement preliminary talks were needed to reach minimum agreement on what the dialogue should achieve and who should participate.

### Floods hit Iran; villages cut off

NICOSIA (R) — Floods have hit Iran for a second successive month, cutting off or inundating some 800 villages in the south and the west. Tehran Radio reported Monday. It said 750 villages were cut off in the southern Kohkiluveh and Boyer Ahmad province, which was badly damaged in last month's floods which killed 500 people and caused \$1 billion worth of damage across the coun try. Karun River burst its banks in the oil-producing Khuzestan province, inundating 41 villages near Khorramshahr port and on Minoo Island in Shatt Al Arab river on the Iragi border.

### Anti-Isiamist women thank Algerian police

ALGIERS (R) — A group of young women in Algiers gave a bouquet of flowers to a police patrol Monday to thank them for protection from Muslim fundamentalists who say the place of women is in the home. Hundreds of other women marked International Women's Day by gathering at a cemetery to remember victims of violence - the more than 300 members of the security forces and civilians who died last year in attacks blamed on fundamentalists.



# Palestinian shot dead ities have detained two Pakistani soldiers who drove by mistake from Kuwait into Iraq, United Nations observers said Monday. "They accidentally but illegally entered Iraq after taking a wrong turn at a junction," a spokesman of the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) said. "They were apprehended by the Iragie." He capter and the control of the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) said. "They were apprehended by the Iragie." He capter and the capter and t

EREZ CHECKPOINT, occu- settlement of Gan Or hours after occupied Gaza Strip Monday hours after a Jewish settler was stabbed to death, a hospital official said.

Palestinian witnesses said settlers returning from the funeral of slain settler Uri Magidish shot and killed the 20-year-old Palestimian who was walking in a gas station inside the strip near the Erez checkpoint.

The army confirmed that a Palestinian had been shot near the checkpoint, which separates the Gaza Strip from Israel, and that he had been evacuated to

It said settlers had taken part in disturbances at the checkpoint but added that it was checking who shot the Palestinian.

A spokeswoman for Barzilai hospital in the Israeli city of Ashkelon said an unnamed resident of Gaza had been brought to hospital dead from gunshot wounds.

Magidish, 38, was the fourth Jew killed by Gaza Palestinians in - week.

Military sources said he was mans who worked for him in the from now," Gan Or resident Yos-

for a peace agreement with Syria

porters after meeting Vladimir

Petrovsky, newly-appointed director-general of the United

Nations European headquarters

and a former deputy foreign

minister of the old Soviet Union.

see an accord with Damascus.

Mr. Peres replied: "Our wish is to

have it during 1993. We would

not like to postpone it. We think

the time is running out, and this is

not in the interest of peace or the

Without specifying a time-

frame, Mr. Peres said Israel

would like to have a full peace, a

comprehensive peace, with all

parties on all subjects and no-

thing should be postponed until

Mr. Peres called on Mr. Pet-

rovsky at the start of a four-day

trip that will take him to the

European Parliament in Stras-

bourg and from there on an offi-

He told reporters Israel felt

chance" that both bilateral talks added.

**Arab-American followed** 

orders to report, was held

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM delivering money to Hamas to

there was "more than a fair

(AP) — A fourth Arab-American

jailed in Israel for alleged links to

Hamas was taken into custody

after twice obeying authorities'

orders to report for questioning,

Israeli authorities disclosed the

arrest of Anwar Hamdan, 33, on

Sunday, a week after he was

taken into custody in the occu-

pied West Bank town of Ramal-

In late January, three Amer-

icans of Palestinian origin were

arrested in the occupied territor-

ies and accused of aiding Hamas.

One has since been released. The

other two remain in jail but have

yet to be charged with any crime.

Boulos, said his client, a resident

of Pennsylvania, has not been

charged since his Feb. 20 arrest.

because he is just an Arab Amer-

ican who arrived at the same time

with the other Arab-Americans

who were arrested," Mr. Boulos

He said Mr. Hamdan arrived in

his hometown Al Bireh, near

Ramallah, in late January to visit

relatives. He was accompanied by

his wife, Iman Annab Hamdan,

Israel Radio said Sunday that

Mr. Hamdan was suspected of

also of Palestinian origin.

said.

"I think he was questioned

Mr. Hamdan's attorney, Jawad

his lawyer said Monday.

cial visit to Germany.

parties of peace."

too late."

Asked when he would like to

Israel wants peace pact \_

with Syria in '93 — Peres

GENEVA (Agencies) - Israel's with Palestinian representatives

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and multilateral negotiations with

said Monday his country hoped its Arab neighbours would re-

Washington.

he added.

pied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — A Israel lifted a six-day closure Palestinian was shot dead in the order preventing the strip's 750,000 Palestinians travelling to

Israel Radio said the Arabs had worked for Magidish as day labourers for several weeks and their identity was known.

Settler spokesman Shai Bazak told news agencies a group of settlers was heading for the office of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to protest against the killing. His message said: "The settlers are

Commenting on the checkpoint shooting, military sources said: "There was shooting by unknown persons in the area of Erez checkpoint towards an Arab who was wounded. He was taken

to hospital. The matter is being

checked." The settlers themselves blamed the violence in the impoverished strip on government inaction and a debate over the past week following the slaying of three Israelis last week - about when

to pull out of the Gaza Strip.
"The government has to be more assertive with the Arabs and not to say it is leaving here stabled to death by two Palesti- today, tomorrow or five years

sume at the end of April in

The talks were suspended in

December when Israel expelled

415 Palestinians from the occu-

pied territories to Lebanon. It

accused them of being supporters

Mr. Peres said most of the

of the hardline Hamas organisa-

parties of the negotiations had

already agreed to resume. "But

the Palestinians have not yet

Israel was for two decades a main

target of criticism, had changed.

changed and also because the

members of the United Nations

have changed their attitudes on

many issues, including Israel," he

Nations who would not previous-

ly recognise Israel have now

India and China which are very

important countries," Mr. Peres

help rebuild the faction after

Israel expelled more than 400

alleged Palestinian hardliners to

list any specific accusations

against Mr. Hamdan or release

spate of arrests stems from

Israel's belief in links between

Palestinian-Americans and

Hamas, which it blames for the

killings of several Israeli soldiers.

some Israeli officials and media

reports said Hamas was being run

from the United States, an allega-

tion denied by U.S. officials. At

the time, Israel was seeking

American help in heading off

U.N. sanctions over the expul-

sion of the Palestinians to Leba-

followed orders by the Shin Bet

internal security agency to report

for questioning in late February,

was released and told to return on

a few days later. When Mr. Ham-

dan went back the second time be

Mr. Boulos said Mr. Hamdan

At the time of the first arrests,

Israeli officials have refused to

Mr. Boulos said he believes the

Lebanon in December.

his name.

ney said.

established relations with us, like

"Many members of the United

This is because the world has

si Tzarfaty told the Associated Press after Magidish's slaying. After the slaying, soldiers stood guard over some 200

Palestinian labourers employed in the settlement who had been detained and were sitting along a roadside. Two of the detainees were bound and blindfolded. Witnesses and the army said

Magidish was knifed in his car by his Arab employees he was bring-ing to work, then dragged into his greenhouse. Reporters saw plastic sheets in the greenhouse covered with blood.

After the slaying, a slogan appeared on a wall in the town of Rafah to the south claiming responsibility for the slaying of the Zionist settler." It was signed by the "Fatah Hawks."

A poll published by the Maariv daily Friday showed that two thirds of Israelis support some sort of withdrawal, but Mr. Tzarfaty and several others in this settlement of 47 families laughed when asked Monday's killing prompted thoughts of leaving.
"God forbid," Mr. Tzarfaty

But Mr. Tzarfaty's neighbour, Ilanit Ukra, disagreed. "If they

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Islam's holiest shrine in Mecca to bonour the accord.

emerged with a clear-position," Pakistani capital probably wound not work. The Israeli minister said he had told Mr. Petrovsky his country felt the United Nations, where

> the Prophet Mohammed. With them was Prince Turki Al

Iran also supported the agree-

The party landed just before Muslims here broke their dawnto-dusk fast during the current Holy Month of Ramadan. They were guests at a banquet laid out for them by Crown Prince Abdullah, who was on hand to receive them at the airport.

the southwest, for the oath taking ceremony and a meeting with King Fahd.

The Afghan leaders included Interim President Burhanuddin Rabbani, 53, chief of Jamiat-e-Islami, and his archrival Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, 44, chief of the hardline Hezb-e-Islami.

nearly 11 months to unseat. "No group or individual can

matyar said earlier as he boarded the plane for Saudi Arabia. But the plan, crafted by Pakistan and sponsored by Iran and

ences - ethnic and religious for more than a decade. Few in Afghanistan seemed confident the accord would stop

surrendered. At least two rebel factions, a

breakaway faction of Hezb-ewas taken into custody, the attor-Mr. Boulos said Mr. Hamdan lives in Pennsylvania, but he did not know in which town. Mr. (Continued on page 5)

# Afghan leaders in S. Arabia

RIYADH (AP) - Afghan leaders arrived Monday to swear allegiance to an ill-defined peace plan and promise to stop fighting each other for control of their war battered capital, Kabul. They were to take an oath at

But back home, at least two rebel groups warned that the peace accord signed Sunday in the

Accompanied by Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the leaders flew into Medina, where they were to visit the mosque of

Faisal, who as envoy of Saudi Arabian King Fahd helped Mr. Sharif mediate the settlement to try to put an end to 11 months of battles in Kabul.

Later, they were to proceed to Mecca, about 420 kilometres to

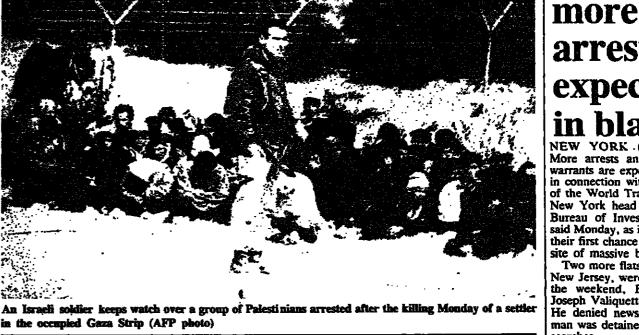
Mr. Hekmatyar became prime minister earlier Monday and joined the government he fought

oppose this agreement, Mr. Hek-

Saudi Arabia, seemed to resolve none of the long-standing differthat have plagued the rebel chiefs

the bombardment that has claimed thousands of casualties, most of them civilians, since the rebels overran Kabul and the former communist government

Islami and the Iranian-backed coalition Hezb-e-Wahdat, expressed doubts the warring fac-Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf tions would be able to form a working government that could Denktash. restore order and peace to Kabul. 1 — To discuss the possibility of



in the occupied Gaza Strip (AFP photo)

# Husseini and PLO officials meet British minister today in London

\_ondon revokes ban on .op-level PLO contact the level of official contacts with Prior to his departure, Mr.

By Wafa Amr Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini departed for London Monday for talks with British government ministers along with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials in what was expected to be the first meeting in upgraded contacts between the British government and the PLO.

Mr. Husseini, senior adviser to the Palestinian delegation to peace talks with Israel, is scheduled to meet with Douglas Hogg, junior minister at the Foreign Office, Tuesday. The meeting, attended by three senior

the PLO, informed sources said. The meeting would be the first between a British minister and PLO officials after London suspended high-level contacts with the PLO in late 1990 at the peak of the Gulf crisis.

A Tunis-based PLO source said the leadership of the PLO was informed of the British government's decision to upgrade official contacts with the organisation four days ago. "We delegated Faisal Husseini

from the occupied territories, Havel Al Fahoum from the PLO's Political Department, and Afif Safyeh, the PLO's repre-PLO officials, will be followed by an expected British announce-the British officials," the PLO ment that London was upgrading source said.

Husseini said his talks with Mr. Hogg would include the Middle East peace process, the crisis sparked by Israel's Dec. 17 expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians and other related issues. In Amman, following a meet-

ing with Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday morning, Mr. Husseini said Palestinians were awaiting an Israeli approval of a six-point compromise deal aimed at solving the expellees crisis.

He told the Jordan Times that Palestinian-American contacts and American-Israeli contacts were continuing with the aim of

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# Suspect in New York bombing assures family of his innocence

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A Jordanian detained in the U.S. as a suspect in the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York has sent a message assuring his family of his innocence.

Mohammad Salameh's lawyer in New York Sunday called Mr. Salameh's family by phone to convey the message, Amin Salameh, Mohammad's father, told the Jordan Times Monday. Amin Salameh also said that

his son's lawyer told him that the evidence against his son was not sufficient to incriminate him in the bombing, which killed five people and injured about 1,000. He said his son, the eldest, had

no relatives in the United States and that he would travel to New York to see his son if he is given a visa by the U.S. embassy and if

he had the money to pay for the He said he had not applied for

a U.S. visa because he was afraid of rejection. "I would go to see my son if I had the money to pay for my trip," he told the Jordan Times in

his house in the lower-middle class district of Hay Masoum in Zama. Amin Salameh, a retired army officer, said he was confident of the innocence of his son whom he

described as a humerous, moderate and sociable person. "My son is not a violent person. He condemns violence." Amin Salameh told the Jordan Times in his sitting room,

He said he was sure that his son

crowded by relatives and repor-

would be proven innocent when and if justice is applied. Mohammad's mother also said

her 26-year-old son, who left Jordan for the United States in February 1988 to pursue higher education and find a job. Mohammad Salameh studied Islamic Sharia at the University

she was sure of the innocence of

of Jordan on a scholarship under the Royal endowment to sons and daughters of military personnel. His father said Mohammad studied Sharia because it was the

only college to which he was admitted. He said Mohammad's preference was to study law. Mohammad's mother and father described him as a "quite,

tender" person who treated his family well and passed time playing soccer.

During his study at the University of Jordan, Mohammad lived on his JD 35 stipend of which he gave JD 5 to his father

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driver's licence. Both men are linked to a fundamentalist Muslim group that is believed to be centred in a Jersey City mosque to which a radical Egyptian Muslim cleric is affili-

In Jordan, Mr. Salameh's distraught and disbelieving mother said, "He does not even know how to drive a car," referring to accusations that her son rented the van that carried the explo-Aisha, the 44-year-old mother

of 13, and her neighbours said they condemned all attacks not directed at Israel. They said Mohammad was being framed by agents of the Jewish state. Meanwhile, investigators inched closer to the "Ground

Zero" site of the bombing after (Continued on page 5)

## Cyprus president invited to meet Ghali next week

NICOSIA (AP) - President widening the talks. Recent press Glafcos Clerides said Monday that U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali had invited him to reports said this would bring in the delegates of the five permanent members of the Security New York next week to discuss Council as well as Greece and efforts to reunify Cyprus.

Mr. Clerides said the invitation Turkey.

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be very brief, just a 24-hour

visit," Mr. Clerides told reporters

after his talks with the U.N.

He said the purpose would be

To set a date for resuming the

U.N.-sponsors peace talks with.

Mr. Clerides said he expected was conveyed by Marrak Gouldthe invitation for the New York ing, under-secretary-general for political affairs, and Gustave Feismeeting would have been extended to Mr. Denktash when the U.N. officials met him in the sel, the U.N. secretarial official Turkish sector of the divided responsible for war-divided iscapital Monday afternoon. The two, who arrived Sunday.

He said the likely date for spent two hours with Mr. Clerresumption of the talks would be ides accompanied by the special sometime in May because the U.N. representative on the issecretary-general had a full schedule for April. "They informed me that the Mr. Camilion described Monproposed meeting next week will

day's meeting as "very useful." he added it would be "premature" to talk about the possibility of the widening of the Cyprus peace talks.

Mr. Goulding responded curtly with a "no comment" when asked — To get acquainted with Dr. Ghali, following his election last if he had brought any new proposals from New York.

The previous round of Cyprus peace talks ended inconclusively in November after Mr. Denktash rejected guidelines proposed by Dr. Ghali for the reunification of

### Northern Somalia wants U.N., but with conditions HARGEISA, Somalia (Agen-The north - which was a

cies) — The dominant group in British colony in the days when northern Somalia wants the United Nations to help strengthen its would oppose any large-scale de-ployment of U.N. forces. Hassan Issa Jama, vice-

president of the unrecognised Somaliland republic, told Reuters Sunday his government would accept a small U.N. force of about 750 men, along with U.N. help in providing services and developing the economy.

"It was on the understanding that the United Nations would not take over the country but would help the administration...we are opposed to heavy intervention as in Mogadishu. he said.

The U.S.-led task force took control of Mogadishu and parts of southern Somalia in December to protect famine relief supplies from civil war looting.

The U.S. plans to withdraw most of its troops soon and turn control over to the United Nations, which intends eventually to deploy its forces over the whole of Somalia, including the north (see page 2).

the south was ruled by Italy -declared independence from the breakaway government but south in May 1991 to escape the worst of the chaos that followed the fall of dictator Mohammad Said Barre. The United Nations spokes-

man in Mogadishu, Farouk Mawlawi, caused a stir last month when he said the northerners had agreed to a U.N. move north.

A foreign ministry spokesman in the northern capital Hargeisa said Somaliland approved a U.N. deployment last November - before anyone envisaged the massive military intervention in the south.

In fact the government of Somaliland is a government in name only because its authority does not extend as far as Hargeisa airport, about six kilometres from the town centre.

Each area is under the control of a clan militia which collects revenue by theft or extortion and passes none of it on to the central government. Some militias are mercly bandits.

# American military presence declines in Somalia

MOGADISHU (AP) - U.S. troop presence in Somalia continues to decline, dipping to less than half of Operation Restore Hope's international troops for the first time since the operation began three months ago.

The United States is moving gradually towards handing over its leadership of the mission to the United Nations. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali has proposed May 1 for the hand-

The U.S. contingent in Somalia is now 13,905 soldiers, compared to a total of 14,017 troops from 22 other countries.

American troop strength reached a peak of 24,003 on Jan.

Marine Colonel Fred Peck, the U.S. military spokesman, said about 500 more Americans are expected to leave the next two

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The United States turned over operational control of the Baledogle district to forces from Morocco Sunday. Only three of Somalia's nine districts - Mogadishu. Bardere and Merca remain under U.S. control.

In Washington, Deputy National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said the United States hopes to put a resolution before the U.N. Security Council soon to transfer the operation to U.N. peacekeepers. "It will enable us to continue to

withdraw American soldiers and eventually turn this over to basically a U.N. operation," Ms. Berger said in an interview on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday."

When former President George Bush sent American soldiers to Somalia in December to guard relief shipments to starving Somalis, he said he hoped most would be out by President Bill Clinton's inauguration, on Jan. 20. But continued lawlessness in Somalia forced officials to push

back the departure date. Dr. Ghali told ABC's "This Week with David Brinkely" he hoped the removal of the U.S.led coalition troops will be done gradually and that some American soldiers would remain as part of the U.N. peacekeeping opera-

tion. Defence Secretary Les Aspin. interviewed separately on the programme, said the United States would keep from 3,000 to 5,000 troops in Somalia to provide logistical support for the U.N. force.

Meanwhile, U.S. marines Sunday mourned the death of one of their comrades, an apparent

Officials said they would not release the Marine's name until

his relatives were notified. He apparently shot himself to death Saturday night. "It makes the loss for some

people, a little harder to accept." said Steven Kaegedein, who had commanded the soldier. Six other Americans have been killed in the Somalia aid opera-

tion. In the southern port city of Kısmayu, where Belgian forces assumed control Friday, clashes continued Sunday between supporters of two rival warlords, Col. Omar Jess and Mohammad Said Hirsi, also known as General

Morgan. Col. Peck said sporadic gunfire and possible grenade blasts were neard at a demonstration in Kismaya involving 100 to 200 people who had assembled barricades of barning tyres. It was not known if there were casualties.

> Jordan Times Tel. 667171



A young Somali bodyguard carries a gun near Mogadishu escorting a truck carrying relief supplies (AFP photo).

# American Muslims expect backlash in wake of blast

NEW YORK (AP) — The arrest of a Muslim Arab in the World Trade Centre bombing has prompted threatening phone calls and at least one act of vandalism against Muslims - and some say they fear more attacks on

their community.
Threatening and obscene phone calls have been made to numerous Muslim centres around the country since Thursday's arrest of Mohammad Salameh, said M.T. Mehdi, president of the American Arab Relations Committee.

A mosque in Jersey City, where Mr. Salameh reportedly worshiped, was vandalised over the weekend. About a dozen people took part in a peaceful demonstration in front of it Sunday that was organised by the New York-based Coalition for Jewish Concerns.

Mr. Salameh, 25, is being held without bail in connection with the Feb. 26 bombing that killed five people and closed the trade centre's twin 110-storey towers for at least a month.

disappointing that this open society is not quite as open and protective," said Mr. Mehdi. "There is a chill thrown upon our freedom of expression because we are

Dr. Mehdi, who is also secretary general of the National Council on Islamic Affairs, said many of his colleagues in this country have reported a surge in hostility against Muslims.

Dr. Shaheer Yousef, who is active in local and national Islamic affairs, said people have been asking him a lot of suspicious questions about

"They think Islam and extremism are one and the same thing," said Dr. Yousef. "They think Muslims in this country are a potential threat to this country. This is the perception. I believe people are grossly misinformed." Dr. Yousef said he feels

"threatened by the tone of their questions. I know what they're thinking."
Islam is America's fastest growing religion with more than 10 million adherents.

about 800,000 of them in the New York area, Dr. Mehdi said. Most are immigrants or children of immigrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa. There are 1.2 billion followers of Islam worldwide,

Dr. Mohammad Sai'd, who is active in several national Arab groups, said his children are afraid their classmates will taunt them.

"My children are concerned about when they go back to school," Dr. Sai'd said. "This hostility is because people are really confused about Muslims. Some people who have underlying prejudices take this oppor-tunity and label all Muslims the same.'

Muslims in a heavily Arab neighbourhood of Brooklyn, New York voiced similar fears Sunday.

"They all think Muslims want to go kill people," said Sudanese-born Sidahmad Mahjoub, 34, leafing through Arab newspapers at the Fertile Crescent deli before he went to a nearby mosque.

"They think all Muslims do that. It's wrong thinking. We are good people. We don't approve of the bombing." Taher Mughrabi, 50, said

attention focused on Mr. Salameh has tainted his reli-"When I talk to people

about Muslims, they think we are all hard and bad." Mr. Mughrabi said. "That's not true. It's a hard religion but it's not bad. (Salameh) was just one person. It doesn't have anything to do with the rest of us.

## Lebanese army arrests 11 suspects in shootout

diers have apprehended 11 rival in the Tayyouneh suburb. Shiite Muslim militiamen wanted for a weekend shootout in south when Hizbollah activists opened Beirut, the army command said up with machine-gun fire at the Monday.

late Sunday handed over to the army command nine of 10 men involved in the firefight with with the more secular pro-Syrian Amal movement.

The statement said two others. a Hizbollahi and an Amal, were arrested at a Lebanese army checkpoint in east Beirut's Jisr Al Basha neighbourhood.

An army official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the command was waiting for the leadership of Amal and Hizbollah to hand over seven others.

An earlier military communique stressed the newly restructured, 42,000-strong army will not "hesitate to quell harshly any disorders."

The army established a permanent presence in the lawless slums of south Beirat in December. The suburbs that abut the city's airport witnessed the birth of Shiite violence during the height of ed in a 1987-1990 intermittent Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war, struggle for control of Lebanon's when the army disintegrated along sectarian lines.

On Monday, troops were raidstronghold, and the nearby secular. Amal-controlled Shiyyah area in search for the wanted men and illegal weapons.

Saturday's clash was triggered

BEIRUT (AP) - Lebanese sol- members of Amal and Hizbollah One civilian was wounded

offices of Amal in Shiyyah. A communique said the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizbollah brief vaccum resulting from a rotation of troops, the army said.

House Speaker Nabih Berri, who heads Amal, declared sup-port for the army's measures "to enforce law, hunt down irregulars and crush violations. But Hizbollah's politburo chief, Hussein Khalil, said "the

army should be kept out of the quagraire of Lebanese politics and domestic disputes." It was the first shootout since

the army took over security duties in south Beirut in De-

During the civil war, pro-Ira-nian groups turned the slums into a haven for suicide carbombers and hostage-takers. Most of the American, British

and French hostages grabbed since 1984 were held for years in Amai and Hizbollah were lock-

struggle for control of Lebanon's 1.2 million Shiites, who make up the country's largest single sect. Hizbollah is the standard bear-

ing houses in the south Beirut er of Iran's brand of Shiite fun-district of Ghobeiri, a Hizbollah damentalism while Amal is more Although the government has

disarmed most militias that fought in Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war, various militias still retain by an exchange of insults between some of their light arms.

# **Gates says Iran stirring** fundamentalism in Egypt

WASHINGTON (R) - Former people and injured 1,000, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Robert Gates ac-Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and setting up an Islamic republic.

"Most of the governments in that area are deeply concerned this," said Mr. Gates, who retired as CIA director in January at the end of the George Bush adminis-

"basically indigenous, but to a out elaborating. considerable degree they are In Cairo, security was tightperhaps others," he added.

Trade Centre, which killed five the past five months.

Iran accused Israel Sunday of involvement in the bombing and cused Iran Sunday of fomenting said the Jewish state and the Muslim fundamentalist violence United States were using the blast aimed at overthrowing President to stir a frenzy against Islamic fundamentalism. "The fingerprints of (Israeli

intelligence service) Mossad and Israel are quite visible in the New about Iran's role in promoting York bombing," a Tehran Radio commentary said. The radio said the blast "bore

unmistakable resemblance to other Mossad operations in Italy, Egypt's current problems are Tunisia, Beirut and France" with-

aggravated by the Iranians and ened at high-rise office buildings Sunday after the militant Islamic Mr. Gates made his comments group threatened to target busion ABC Television. He said it ness in its drive to bring about a was too early to say whether any pure Islamic state. Guerrilla state was behind the Feb. 26 attacks on foreigners have devasbombing of New York's World tated Egypt's tourist industry in

# Islamic Group denies link to New York blast

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's most active Muslim militant group denied Monday any link to the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York and warned that accusations defension its sourtrying to search him at his apartpunished.

Rahman, a blind preacher who lives in New Jersey, had no connection to the bombing that killed five people and wounded more than 1,000.

no conditions pass without action tourists. whether on the level of Al and will never be a scapegoat."

international news agency. Centre bombings are reported to be followers of Sheikh Abdul

"Al Gama'a Al Islamiya, while stressing that Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, may God preserve him, has no link whatsoever to the explosion at the World Trade Centre, would like to clarify important matters:

The policy of Al Gama'a Al Islamiya does not target innocents regardless of their religions," the group said.

"Targeting Doctor Omar aims which could leave bad repercus- outside Cairo Tuesday. sions on relations between Muslims and the West in the future," it added.

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Sheikh Abdul Rahman, who Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) said was tried but acquitted on . in a statement it did not attack charges of sanctifying the assasinnocent people of any religion.

It said Sheikh Omar Abdul

Pehrana Sheikh Omar Abdul

The Egyptian government has accused him of sending militants in Egypt tape-recorded sermons, "Unjustly defaming Imam omey and publications inciting them to attack security forces and them to attack security forces and

The group said the coincidence Gama'a Al Islamiya or his follow- of the New York blast and an ers and supporters in the world. explosion in a cafe in Cairo last Doctor Omar has not been, is not Friday had been "arranged by. hands which undoubtedly planthe group said in a fax to an ned to harm Al Gama's Al Islamiya and its symbols in Cairo and . abroad."

Two suspects arrested in connection with the World Trade lim militants of planting the cafe bomb, which killed three people. and injured 16. But the Gama'a, denied it had anything to do with

"Directing random accusations" against Sheikh Omar Abdul Rah. man while (Egyptian President-Hosni) Mubarak is preparing for new military trials against militant suspects is 'extremely suspicious." the Gama'a statement

The trial of 49 alleged militants charged with attacks on foreigners that have devastated at disfiguring the image of faithful Egypt's tourist industry is due to Muslim scholars in the world begin in a military court just

Military Prosecutor-General Major-General Mohammad Abdullah said some could be sentenced to death if convicted. mad Salameh, who was arrested Six would be tried in their abs-Thursday and charged by U.S. ence because they were still on prosecutors on suspicion of rent- the run.

# Muslim extremist leader defends ideology in court

CAIRO (AP) - Safwat Abdul adheres to Islamic tenets - by save the religion.

said. "Islam has ordered us to

conceived and planned the Oct. awaken him'." 12, 1990 murder of Egypt's Parliament Speaker Rifaat Al Mahjoub.

A charismatic speaker, Abdul Ghani was until his capture chief recruiter for Al Gamaa Al Islamiya, the extremist Muslim group, and leader of its religious

wing.
His followers call him "The Philosopher."

ended Sunday, for Mr. Abdul Ghani to make videotaped dis- accusations that extremists use courses on his group's ideology. excessive force "with knives and His lawyers said copies of the chains" as a campaign to discredit

Mr. Abdul Ghani entered the courtroom handcuffed to a guard stand between me and the peoon each side. Unshackled, the defendant placed a stack of books and notes on a lectern facing the Speaking calmly and confident-ly, Mr. Abdul Ghani started a

three-hour dissertation on Islam's rules as his group sees them. Quoting the Prophet Mohamduty to ensure that society Mr. Sadat's murder.

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Ghani, an accused assassin on force if necessary but preferably trial for his life, stood to explain by gentle persuasion. to the court a Muslim extremist's "When Islam allowed us to

view of Islam as a holy war to show people the right path and keep them from sinning, it put "Jihad is being subjected to a limits because it does not want fierce campaign from the enemies chaos in our society," he said. of Islam. The West ... calls it He gave examples such as ng alcohol.

"Islam does not say if you see fight in order to reach the people, someone drinking alcohol go and and not to kill (randomly). That hit him," Mr. Abdul Ghani said. is what is meant by jihad." It's only if the person ignores a Mr. Abdul Ghani, 30, has been warning about his drinking, then on trial in a state security court verbal threats, that force comes since July 1991 on charges he into play: 'to hurt the sinner to

Muslim extremists like Mr. Abdul Ghani want to replace Egypt's largely secular legal code with Islamic law (Sharia), but the government says Egyptian law already is 90 per cent Sharia. In neighbourhoods they control,

militants apply their brand of Islam. They have stormed wedding ceremonies in southern Egypt and attacked revellers be-In an unusual twist, Judge cause celebrations included music Wahid Mahmoud Ibrahim set and dancing. They have torched aside four court sessions, which liquor and video stores in Cairo. Mr. Abdul Ghani dismisses

His lawyers said copies of the tape will be distributed to Al his group.

Jihad should be waged only against those who stand between Bearded and wearing a flowing the masses and Islam, like secular white galabiya and tennis shoes, rulers, he said. "I fight those who fight Islam so that they won't ple," Mr. Abdul Ghani said, "I kill those who oppress the

Conforming to this logic, Muslim extremists killed former President Anwar Sadat in 1981 after he cracked down hard on them. Egyptian Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, was acquitted at trial mad, he spoke of every Muslim's of providing religious sanction to

### Protecting relief workers crucial in Somalia areas in truck convoys with months away, after it takes foreign troops riding shot-By Tom Cohen possible sources of otherwise over the security mission

The Associated Press

MOGADISHU — Bandits kill a relief worker in a roadside ambush. Two men hop a moving truck and rob the driver before soldiers guarding the food convoy know what happened. Relief agencies are pilfered as payday

approaches. Routine violence continues for relief workers in Somalia. despite the thousands of foreign troops sent to restore order. The U.S-led military coalition has ended outright clan warfare, but seems unable to stop widespread banditry in a country with no government and plenty of

U.S. officials say the coalition forces never intended to serve as a police force, only to ensure that food and other emergency aid reach the needy. The United Nations wants to start a national police force, but that is from the United States.

Foreign relief officials say they will leave if aid workers continue toget killed. Such an exodus would cripple and perhaps terminate the relief effort credited with saving millions of lives since last "The whole future of the

country in the next months is

based on whether the expatriates stay," said Mike McDonagh, field director for the Irish relief agency Concern. Just two weeks ago, nurse Valerie Place of Concern died when her vehicle was ambushed while travelling north of Mogadishu. At least two other foreign relief workers have been killed since the troops arrived Dec. 9, and three Somalis working for the

the Red Cross died in a landmine blast. "If another one or two are killed, these agencies are going to get a lot of pressure

International Committee of

their people back home to not be here," said Ian Mac-Leod, spokesman for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). United Nations agencies

supplying food to Somalia work only with the foreign relief groups instead of local Somalis, a legacy of the vast looting and corruption of the past. The departure of foreign organisations would leave a void unlikely to be filled. Mr. McDonagh said.

Despite the relief shipments spreading throughout the country for almost three months, tremendous need remains. Death rates remain high in some areas, mostly from disease ravaging the

The major crop season begins soon and if successful, could help ease the food shortage, officials say.

In the meantime, reliance

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remains heavy on donated

But the risk also has in-

creased. While the foreign troops have intimidated Somalia's warring factions into putting away their heavy weapons, former militia fighters have resorted to robbery and looting since they lost their jobs.

"It's going to be a long time before armed banditry is brought under control in Somalia," departing U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley said last week.

In a bid to crack down on violence, foreign troops have tried to seize any weapons they find in volatile areas such as Mogadishu and Kismayu. The crackdown resulted in Somalia drivers and guards for relief agencies losing their weapons.

Some now have permission for guards to carry automatic rifles, but robbers still perceive relief agencies and vehiscarce cash, food and electro-In February, two relief

agencies had large amounts

of money stolen the night before they were to pay their workers. In both cases, former local employees were suspected. "I know that our people feel more insecure now than they did before," said Brenda Barton of the World Food

Programme (WFP). . Just ask Johannes O'Sellassie, a WFP truck driver. He was robbed of his sleeping bag, clothes, money and food in a 30-second attack while he drove in a convoy guarded by Pakistani soldiers.

"They were fast, fast," Mr. O'Sellassie said of the two men who jumped onto his cab, forced open the passen-ger door and held a gun to his throat. "I tried to push them but when I see a pistol and the knife, what can I do?"

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# Crown Prince urges quality advances in educational system

ity of parents as well as teachers in evaluating the children's books, adding that every effort should be made to benefit from the experiences of other Arab

gard, the Prince said, should be given to books on science, mathematics, vocational training and English language.

taken to have schools built in convenient areas, and teachers in remote regions should be pro-

vided with housing.

He said that the Ministry of Education can undertake such endeavours in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Works and

advanced teacher training prog-rammes as agreed to with the

In this regard, Prince Hassan stressed the need for the ministry to closely coordinate its efforts with those of the National Centre for Educational Development

seeing vocational training prog-rammes at Jordanian schools promoted and stressed the need for linking vocational training to the requirements of the local labour market and Jordanian development schemes.

in schools aim at graduating Tawjihi students with advanced training, said Prince Hassan, there is a need for the development of programmes and plans at univer-sities to adapt to the new situa-

He expressed hope that the universities will establish principles to allow for school graduates to enroll in Jordan's institutes of higher education in accordance with the part principles.

with the new principles.

At the outset of the meeting, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Thougan Al Hindawi outlined plans for the imple-mentation of the 1987 conference resolutions.

## **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Sharif Zeid to inaugurate new charity

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker is scheduled to inaugurate the newly founded Ghibal Charitable Society in Jabal Hussein district on Wednesday. The society aims to provide assistance to the needy and also to contribute to Jordanian cultural development and national heritage.

### House reviews temporary education law

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Monday resumed discussion of the 1988 temporary education law and discussed several proposals presented by its committees on various issues, including demands to improve the conditions of employees at the Natura! Resources Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Ministry of Supply and Jordanian state universi-

### Antiquities office forms panel to monitor renovation plan

AMMAN (Petra) — Director General of the Antiquities Department Safwan Al Tell Monday formed a committee which comprises department engineers and officials to inspect the Dar Al Saraya building (the old Irbid jail) and follow-up procedures to convert it into an archaeological museum. Dr. Tell said the committee held its first meeting Monday and discussed its plans pending the evacuation of the jail. The Cabinet recently approved converting the jail which was built by the Ottomans into a museum which will include exhibition halls, a library, a laboratory and several offices. The renovation works are expected to be completed within the coming two years.

### "Ajloun safety group shuts down 4 shops

AJLOUN (Petra) - The Ajloun Public Safety Committee decided Monday to close four shops in the district because of violations of health and safety regulations. The closure orders followed an intensive campaign launched by the department to make sure that all shops selling food stuffs are abiding by health

### Football team leaves for Doha

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan's national football team left for Doha, Qatar, Monday to play two friendly matches with the Qatari national team in the qualifying matches for the World Cup. The national team last week drew at one goal each with the Syrian national team in a match that was held at Irbid's Al Hassan

### Passport, finance offices study applying facsimile system

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Registration and Passports Department and the Ministry of Finance are currently studying the prospect of establishing facsimile links between the department and Jordanian embassies abroad. If the service is approved, the department can serve Jordanian citizens abroad in the shortest time possible and at minimum costs.

### Irbid pushes campaign to relocate street vendors

IRBID (Petra) - The Irbid municipality is continuing its campaign to prevent vendors from selling their merchandise in the downtown area after the municipality assigned certain areas to them. The sources at the municipality said the campaign aims to preserve the city's cleanliness and reduce traffic jams in the

### Anti-Zionist group cables the Pope

AMMAN (J.T.) — The newly formed Society Against Zionism and Racism sent a message to His Holiness Pope John Paul II requesting that joint Vatican Arab committees be set up along the line of the Vatican-Israeli committee to promote relations. The message said Arab-Vatican committees are bound to reduce Israel's pressure on the Vatican.

### Ministry supplies food to needy

KARAK (Petra) - The Ministry of Social Development recently distributed food supplies to needy families in the towns of Karak, Deir Allah and Shuneh. A statement said that the ministry planned to distribute more supplies Tuesday to needy families in Bani Hamidah, Dhiban and Bani Kinaneh settlements as part of distribution programmes conducted during the month of Ramadan. So far, 26,000 families received food supplies, said the statement.

### 200 needy families receive cash aid in Zarqa

ZAROA (Petra) - A voluntary effort has provided cash assistance to some 200 poor families in Zarqa, according to chairman of the Zarqa chapter of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), Mohammad Daoud Salah. He said the families benefiting from this donation are registered with the National Aid Fund.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Monday greets Amirah her tour of the International Tourism Exchange in (left) and Amneh, twins born in Amman, during Berlin (AFP photo)

# Labour conference could serve as forum to push Arab reconciliation

By P. V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter Arab ministers of labour in Amman next month could serve as a mend Arab fences and bring about reconciliation among the Arab states which fell out over the Gulf crisis, officials said Mon-

accepted ministerial-level invitations to the conference issued by the Ministry of Labour through their respective diplomatic missions here, Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti said. Other sources said Kuwait and some of the Arab Maghreb countries were among those yet to

confirm their participation. Mr. Kabariti said the Arab League secretary-general, Esmat Abdul Meguid, had confirmed Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

level delegations to a meeting of planning ministers of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

atmosphere as well as the latest developments in the region." Mr. Kabariti said. But this does not necessarily

League efforts to heal inter-Arab At the same time, the meeting, which will be formally opened by His Majesty King Hussein, "will

our desire for better relations.'

technology cooperation between

University of Science and Tech-

Ireland, the EC reported.

tween Jordan and the EC.

Newsletter.

mean that Dr. Abdul Meguid is

assistance the Gulf states used to extend to the Kingdom prior to the Gulf crisis and the employ-

ment opportunities Jordanians still have in the Gulf states except Kuwait - was a key theme in speeches made by Mr. Kabariti at Arab and international labour forums, including the 1992 ALO meeting held in Libya and an International Labour Organisation (ILO) conference held in Geneva.

continue to work in the Gulf states; almost an equal number were forced out of Kuwait in the wake of the Gulf crisis.

Jordanians in the Gulf states and the treatment they receive in crisis," Arab reconciliation would their host countries," said Mr. come "only within the context of While no-one sees a "magic

formula" to mend the strain in Jordan's political relations with conditions. "We hope that the Amman

Jordan, EC enter new

AMMAN (J.T.) -- Science and under the new programme.

technology cooperation between The EC said this will now be

ing that "efforts for Arab reconciliation are an ongoing process, started the dust settled in the Gulf crisis.' At the same time, Jordanian analysts are sceptical over the

meeting would contribute to im-

proving the Arab atmosphere,"

said another senior official, not-

chances of success of any effort at this stage in sealing the Arab

"Arab reconciliation in the true sense hinges greatly on two issues: Iraq's relations with other Arab countries and the Arab-Israeli peace process," said Rad-wan Abdullah, head of the Political Science Department at the University of Jordan.

Dr. Abdullah noted that despite a recent flurry of reports of mediation between Iraq and Egypt, which led the Arab front in the U.S.-headed military coalition which fought Iraq, "very little has changed on the ground." Dr. Abdullah, who says the

Arab side would remain at a disadvantage in the Middle East peace process in the absence of a strong united Arab stand, also pointed out that there was little indication from the Gulf states of any desire to coordinate positions and present one Arab voice in negotiations with Israel.

view of the "polarisation in the Arab World caused by the Gulf a new American design linked to the peace process to bring about economic interaction between the Gulf states and Israel."

non as well as Iraq — will be key to such interaction," he said. As finitely have its place in the sun."

### hi-tech cooperation stage objective of all its projects is to improve laboratory facilities so

the European Community (EC) and Jordan has entered a new research. stage with the signing of the Cooperation Project in Science The University of Jordan Faculty of Engineering and Tech-nology. Chemistry Department will carry out chemical and biolo-Technology, said a recent EC The ECU (European currency gical investigation of natural prounit) 4 million project will supducts. The department has a research group which is already active in this field and their report a range of special research programmes to be carried out by search capabilities will now be the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, the Jordan strengthened.

focused on three main areas of

The Agricultural Department nology and the Royal Scientific at the Jordan University of Scien-Society (RSS) and coordinated by ce and Technology will study the Higher Council for Science aspects of the genetic improveand Technology (HCST) with ment of sheep production in Jor-Higher Education for Developdan. The programme will build ment Cooperation (HEDCO) of on existing contacts with University College of North Wales in Bangor and with the Jordan **HCST Secretary General Hani** Al Mulki sees the new project as Cooperative Organisation's ECthe logical development of the supported Awassi Sheep Project first and second phases of science thus ensuring that research results can be used for immediate and technology cooperation beapplication by sheep farmers in

According to the newsletter, Yarmouk University's Physics these first phases built up Jordan's basic scientific and tech-Department will concentrate on strengthening its capacity in the nological capabilities, laying the foundations for the specialised science and development of inprojects that will be developed dustrial materials. The common

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WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

**EXHIBITION** 

🛱 Exhibition of handicrafts by Jordanian artist Dana Ahmad

time and place with the concerned institutions.

Khreis at the Royal Cultural Centre.

that the graduate programme can be enriched towards the imple-

Dr. Mulki believes it is particushould be tailored to Jordan's particular needs. "Scientific knowledge," he said, is "available knowledge. What developing countries need to do is to utilise it for the development of their own agriculture and indus-

# Jordanian women's status is studied at conference By Lima Nabil Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A working paper submitted to a committee preparing for a seminar on Jordanian women revealed that women's participation in the local labour market was modest and does not exceed 11.5 per cent of the total Jordanian workforce.

The paper, submitted by Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz to a meeting, chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, said that the low number of women in the nation's labour force is primarily attributable to the lack of serious family support for female members working in the labour market and therefore outside the

It said unemployment among able-bodied and willing-to-work females was estimated at 24 per cent of the total unemployed workforce in Jordan. Ministry of Education Secretary General Munther Al Masri presented a working paper which revealed a proximity in figures between male and female school students in the Kingdom.

The paper noted that illiteracy among women stood at 25 per cent for those above 16 years of age and 12 per cent among males. The total number of females in vocational training programmes was estimated at 86,000 compared to 164,000 males at the end

of the last school year. But it noted that more than 57 per cent of students at community

colleges were women. Despite the high rate of school and university students, numerous constraints continue to obstruct the path of women in assuming senior positions in Jordan's social and economic sectors, the paper added.

Attorney Taher Hikmat, who participated in the meeting, presented a working paper on what he termed the "Legislative

# Events for Italianspeaking community planned

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - An Italian professor at the University of Jordan is planning cultural functions for the Italian-speaking community in Jordan next month.

Emanuele Minardo, who has been teaching Italian at the university since the end of January. told the Jordan Times that he planned to contact all those interested in cultural affairs pertaining to Italy and Jordan through advertisements in the local press prior to organising

lectures and other functions. Professor Minardo said he was giving special attention to children from the Italian speaking community as well as Jordanians.

He said he was active in promoting Jordanian-Italian relations ever since his arrival here for a three-year teaching term, adding that in the past week he arranged for a group of Italian archaeologists from Sicily to visit Jordan, tour its archaeological sites and conduct meetings with representatives of local concerned institutions.

Professor Minardo, experienced in literature and linguistics. said he was involved in the presentation of the Italian film week at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman last month.

The film week, another function that aims at bolstering Italian-Jordanian cultural relations, has become an annual event of the Italian embassy, which has recently established a cultural department, now run by Professor Minardo.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday addresses a semina on the status of Jordanian women. Participants seen here in the foreground from right to left are Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz, Lower House Deputy and former Prime Minister Taher Al Masri, Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ibrahim Izzeddine Al Tamimi and Minister of Social Development Amin Awad Mashaqbeh (Petra photo)

Dimension of Women's Involvement in Jordanian Life."

The Jordanian Constitution is void of any conditions giving privileges to men over women, he noted. According to the Constitution and in compliance with Islamic laws and regulations, women are equal to men in political rights and all basic rights, Mr. Hikmat added.

The paper suggested that a comprehensive study of laws related to women be conducted with a view to introducing amendments that would end the privileges of men over women. Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Kabariti presented a working paper in which he focused on proposals put forth at the Nairobi

Women's Conference of 1985. He said these proposals were considered by the conference to be of paramount importance in forming national strategies on

women's activities.

many countries, they are in practice deprived of them for social considerations and long-standing traditions, he noted.

Addressing the meeting, which plans to pave the ground for a seminar entitle "Towards a National Women's Strategy in Jordan," Princess Basma emphasised the need for activating the role of Jordanian women in comprehensive development.

cess, ought to shed light on women's issues, help spread public awareness about the role of women in society and contribute to the amendment of legislation pertaining to women. What is required from the com-

The committee, said the Prin-

mittee, she added, is to find ways of putting the final strategy into practice so that the public can see and feel its effects.
Former Prime Minister Taher

Al Masri, a number of cabinet members and individuals con-Although women are granted their political rights in theory in attended the committee meeting. cerned with women's issues

## Thefts account for over 50% of crimes last week

Security Department (PSD) Monday reported that 61 crimes were committed in Jordan be-tween Feb. 27 and Mar. 5, of

which 43 cases were solved.

Three of the four murders accuring during this period, have been solved, the PSD said. The PSD reported 36 robberies, nine smuggling attempts, four cases of firing weapons, two cases of bodily assault, two attempted suicides ported. and one case of arson.

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The owner of the house, who had been away for some time, returned to find all her jewellery and cash in the amount of JD1,260 were stolen, the report

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public climbed through a window which

had been left open. The badia and border police force discovered smuggling attempts including 163 bags of hashish destined for a neighbouring Arab state, the report said. Also intercepted were 8,457

of the four gunfiring cases, one resulted in the death of an individual in Ajloun, the PSD re-

Three of the six cars reported According to the report, one of stolen had been retrieved, the the robberies occurred at a home report said, adding that not all

to the police. A woman who attempted suicide is being treated at Pales-

tine Hospital after swallowing an overdose of sedatives.

The report said the woman was believed to be suffering from a

It explained that the robber mental disease.

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noon local time, on 21st April, 1993. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:00 noon local time, on 21st

April, 93 at the offices of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation - Marka Housing Project - Amman.

### AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal sities should be urged to finalise Highness Crown Prince Hassan advanced teacher training prog-Monday chaired a meeting of the Ministry of Education Educational Council to discuss the implementation of resolutions and recommendations of the 1987 National Educational Confer-Stressing the need for the council to arrange for good quality textbooks for the primary stage,

the Crown Prince said there was an urgency for preparing such books according to plan.
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AMMAN — A conference of fresh forum to advance efforts to

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that he would attend the April 5, Arab Labour Office (ALO) meeting, the first Arab League gathering in Jordan since the Gulf crisis sparked by the August 1990 The Gulf Arab states sent low-

member states held in Amman in September last year.

Dr. Abdul Meguid, who will address the ALO conference in Amman, will also hold talks with current efforts to clear the Arab

planning a new phase in Arab definitely afford us an opportunity to reaffirm our goodwill and



Around 300,000 Jordanians

"We are very grateful for the employment opportunities for

Gulf states, Jordanian officials, reaffirm that the Kingdom remains open for serious efforts for Arab reconciliation without pre-

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"The fertile crescent - which includes Jordan, Syria and Lebasuch, he added, "Jordan will de-

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## Emminate discrimination first

MARKING INTERNATIONAL Women's Day can never be a one-day ceremonial celebration. Jordan is moving slowly in the direction of making the commethoration of the occasion more meaningful and hading. For this purpose, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) has unveiled for this year's celebrations an ambitious project for the advancement of withten's status in the country in cooperation with the led Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and officer specialised U.N. agencies. The NHF aims to attain this goal by first enhancing the role and effectiveness of the Jordanian societies and associatious concerned with the elevation of the level of wollen's participation in the development of the country and secondly by monitoring progress or the lack of it in this vein.

This effort is most welcome. But it can only be effective if pursued within the context of the overall situation of women and their quest for equality and equal opportunities in development and governmental positions. There is no way that Jordan can succeed in the promotion and protection of women's rights as long as the central issue of their equality with men is not considered first and dealt with in earnest. Jordanimit girls, mothers and professional women cannot aspire to realise their search for equality as long as Jordanian laws, current and proposed, still entertain and contemplate the perpetuation of inequality between the sexes.

During last year's session of the Human Rights Committee (HRC), charged with the application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the 18-member tribunal established that Jordanian legislation and practices violate the relevant provisions of the covenant that proscribe discrimination on the basis of sex. It is the right time now as Jordan is continuemorating International Women's Day to ask the government about what it intends to do with the

The most fitting way for Jordan to celebrate the marking of the day is to formulate and declare a policy statement on the subject explaining how it plans to homour its treaty obligations under the covenant

especially in the field of women's rights. progress achieved in this vein this year. Instead of rehashing old sterile submissions that all is fine when it comes to women's rights, it behooves the concerned authorities to introduce the necessary amendments to the existing laws with the aim of eliminating all lingering discrimination against women.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AL WA'I Arabic daily Monday said that the Israeli terrorist campaign against the Palestionians in the Gaza Strip will not deter the freedom-seekers who are determined to pursue their struggle for liberating their usurped lands. Indeed, the ongoing campaign is bound to give further impetus to the Arab population to counter Israel's terrorist attacks and pay them in their own coin. said the paper. The Gaza Strip has proved that it constitutes a strong and solid rock on which all Israel's conspiracies are being dashed, the paper added. It said the Israelis ought to have learnt from past experiences with the Arabs that they cannot go on itting atrocities without facing retaliation and ought to have realised that the Jewish state's criminal actions can by no means impose capitulation on the local inhabitants, the paper continued. Needless to say, the easiest and more direct way to end the violence and counter violence in the occupied Arab lands lies in the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and exchange land for peace with Arab people who yearn for genuine and lasting peace, said the daily. What is required from the Israelis now is total abidance by the Geneva conventions and safeguarding the human rights of the civilian population, said the paper. The paper said that it is clear to the world community that the Palestinians have chosen the path of struggle to liberate their homeland and there is no doubt that the oppressed peoples determination to attain their objective is bound to intensify and increase until the occupied territories are liberated.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday tackled the status of women in Jordan on the anniversary of the International Women's Day, saying that this year the anniversary finds Jordaniun women in disarray, unable to unite for a specific cause. While the country is moving towards political pluralism and democracy, one can hear voices here and there demanding that women tay at home and be prevented from going out to work. said Meisammad Kharroub. The writer claimed that Jordanian womer. we doing nothing to fight this trend neither are they united in their drive to play a leading role in political, social or economic affairs and in coming to the help of women in rural regions and badia. This anniversary finds the General Union of fordamen Women dissolved and its members failing to unite their efforts for a specific cause due to numerous factors, mainly the hegemony and greed of men, said the writer. It is hoped that this anniversary will give some impetus to women's union leaders to take stops intended to change this pitiable situation and involve Jordanian women in endeavours aimed at contributing towards the country's development, the writer said. The writer advised rumen to transcend side differences over leadership and other matter, and work together in concert to attain the aspired end.

### By Fred Halliday

OVER A YEAR after the col-lapse of the Soviet Union, the foreign policy of the new Russian Federation is still in a state of uncertainty. One reason for this is the political and constitutional cri-

Another reason is that the foreign ministry itself is trying to clear: if Russia abandoned a fore-pursue one line, based on coop-eration with the U.S., while other U.S., by which it hoped to get ministries, such as those con-money from the West for this cerned with military matters, want compliance, then it would not the new Russia to play a more need Western money in the first independent role.

But the most important reason for the uncertainty of Russian policy, especially on Iraq and Serforeign policy is that a new force, bia, has therefore touched a deep foreign policy is that a new force, public opinion, has now come into chord in Russian politics. Few in play. While it will be many years Russia may admire Iraqi Presiyet before a democratic process is dent Saddam Hussein. But Iraq is consolidated in Russia, strong regarded as one of those old popular emotions have emerged friends of the USSR whom the in the past year which limit what new Western-oriented foreign the government can do. One ob-vious example is the question of Gulf war itself the Soviet defence the four islands claimed by Japan: ministry tried, on at least one while it would be in Russia's occasion, to send arms to Iraq but interest to hand back at least two was stopped by the U.S. Navy. of these, popular sentiment now In this respect, policy on Iraq is militates against any such conces- conditioned to some extent be-

# Russia's foreign policy

# New uncertainties

Another issue on which bia finds itself in. Here Russian perts and academics will rehearse sis within the Russian government nationalist feeling runs high is the feeling is strong, given the historic a set of arguments: that more than itself - no one is sure if President acceptance of U.N. sanctions Boris Yeltsin can act as an Ameragainst Libya, Iraq and Serbia. In ican or French president and dictum the middle of December Pravda. tate foreign policy himself, or if still the organ of Communist the assertive parliament, with its sentiment, put on its front page a Communist and nationalist ele- short table claiming that Russia's ments, will be able to decide acceptance of these sanctions had

cost it \$16bn.

The moral of the story was

The acceptance of Western

cause of the similar position Ser-

links between the two Orthodox any other country, even Germany Christian countries. Russia went to war in 1914 in support of Serbia against Turkey, Austria and Germany or Japan, Turkey has been the "historic" enemy of Russia for over 600 years, including the cenmany, and reportedly hundreds of tury and a half of Tatar domina-Russian volunteers are fighting on tion; that Turkey is now trying to the Serbian side now. Some Rus- steal the former Soviet republics sian nationalist groups are re- of Transcaucasia and Central Asia

"(Russia's) policy towards the Middle East as a whole is now less of a priority than it once was. Commercial considerations prevail."

ported to have sent members to away from Russia; that the Rus-Serbia to gain combat experience, sian market is being swamped in case of future conflict in Russia with shoddy Turkish consumer

Solidarity with Serbia is fuelled itself by what has now become one of the main themes in Russian popular sentiment about the outside world, namely a revived hostility to a perceived "Islamic threat" in general and to Turkey in particular.

Even some foreign policy ex-

goods; that Russian women are flocking to Turkey to work as prostitutes; that Turkish policy is working towards an eventual break-up of the Russian federation itself, by encouraging separatism in the autonomous republics

Tatárstan and Bashkiria. According to this line of of Turkey, and a means by which Russians fear that the Turks are East International. thought. Bosnia is merely a client

Turkey can regain control in the willing to sell arms, for cash. It Balkans, which it lost as a result of has sold substantial quantities of a series of wars with Russia be- weapons, including submarines

tween 1870 and 1914. The implications of this rise of nationalist feeling against Turkey Moscow is committed to playing and the U.S. for the rest of its co-chairmanship role, albeit in Russian foreign policy are as yet a most junior fashion, and is

In broad terms, it means that it tration in Washington the talks will be comparatively more diffi- will receive a new impetus. calt for the pro-Western foreign In the longer run, however, minister, Andrei Kozyrev, to purmuch will depend on how quickly sue his policy. The main focus of and effectively Russia can reconthe foreign ministry now is not on stitute itself as a major, internaremoter issues at all, but on what tionally effective power. If the is called in Russian the "near Russian Federation undergoes abroad", the former republics of greater crisis, perhaps even civil the USSR where Moscow expects war as some fear, this will have to maintain a dominant influence enormous negative implications One particularly difficult area for the Middle East, as for Europe

of the "near abroad" is the Cau- and the Far East. If Russia can, or the near aoroad is the call and the tail zero years, reorganise casus: on the side which is still over five or ten years, reorganise part of the Russian Federation itself, then it will play an indepenthere are several inter-ethnic dent role in the Middle East. wars, and one region, the The problem is that no one can Chechen republic, has declared now say how long all this will itself independent. Its dictatorial take. Dudaev, who some compare with Saddam Hussein, has appealed

The writer is professor of inter-

national relations at the Londan (where there is a small don School of Economics. The Chechen minority) and many article appeared in Middle

# The end of history?

By Pascal B. Karmy

a former deputy director of the and implemented in the most Planning Staff. He is currently a there were no alternative princi-resident consultant at the Rand ples or forms of social and politic-Corporation in Washington D.C. al organisation that were superior As his name indicates, he is an American of Japanese origin. He first published an essay in

the magazine National Interest in tory." But what did he mean by 'the end of history?" As I understand Mr. Fukuyama, he means, in short,

that the triumph of capitalism and democracy in the West has ended the political conflict in the world. Then he went on to delineate the end state of the human social

evolution. It is not necessary here to refer to what he calls the logic of modern science and the struggle for recognition, both of which he considers as the two powerful What should be of interest to us is his thesis on "the End of History" because of the attainment of democracy and liberalism in the

Capitalism and democracy do not necessarily co-exist. As Mr. Fukuyama himself points out, "there are many historical and contemporary examples of technologically advanced capitalism co-existing with political authoritarianism from Meiji Japan and Bismarckian Germany to present day Singapore and Thailand."

In many cases, he adds, "authoritarian states are capable of producing rates of economic growth unachievable in democra- tory of democracy and liberalism fore that "our first effort to estab- Mr. Fukuyama sees it. Democrahistory is thus only partially suc-

The successive events which took place in the Soviet Union and in the Eastern European countries in the last months of 1989 have, however, given new dimensions to the thesis of Mr. Fukuyama, which he fully explained in his book "The End of

History and the Last Man." has been inspired by the opinions But these problems are not and ideas expounded in the 1930s obviously insoluble on the basis by the French-Russian philo- of liberal principles, nor so sesopher Alexandre Kojève who rious that they would necessarily taught a highly influential series lead to the collapse of society as a que des Hautes Études in the in the 1980s. 1930s. of seminars at Paris's École Prati- whole, as Communism imploded

Mr. Kojeve was the greatest interpreter of Hegel in the 20th century, especially of his book. with all of what Mr. Fukuyama expounds in his book; but it contains many truths and inconcentury, especially of his book "The Phenomenology of the dered the victory of Napoleon serves to be read by all Arab Bonaparte in 1806 in the Battle of Jena — when the latter's army cracy and liberalism have procrushed the Prussian army - as

the end of history. would be an end of events arising there are still many countries in out of births, deaths and social the Third World which are neithinteractions of humankind, or er liberal nor democratic, it is that there would be a cap on hoped that the Arab peoples will factual knowledge about the continue to struggle for the world. Mr. Fukuyama says that attainment of those two noble when Hegel declared that history objectives. had ended after the Battle of Jena in 1806, he was obviously not and have his voice heard as it is making the claim that the liberal an inherent part of human nature. state was victorious throughout. One can only fulfil those two desires the world; its victory was not through genuine liberalism and even certain in his little corner of democracy. Germany at the time.

MR. FRANCIS FUKUYAMA is liberal state had been discovered U.S. State Department's Policy advanced countries, and that to liberalism. Mr. Fukuyama adds that the

bloody conflict between liberty and despotism continued after 1989, entitled, "the End of His- Jena as witnessed in the two world wars resulting in the victory of the liberal states. Communism appeared after World War II but, according to Mr. Fukuyama, it did not represent a higher stage than liberal democracy but was a part of the same stage of history that would eventually universalise the spread of liberty and equality to all parts of the world.

Though Bolshevic and Chinese revolutions scemed like monumental events at the time, their only lasting effect would be to spread the already established principles of liberty and equality to formerly backward and oppressed peoples and to force those countries of the developed world already living in accordance with such principles to implement them more completely."

For almost two centuries since Hegel's proposition of the end of history, democracy and liberalism continued to spread slowly but surely in many parts of the world. According to Mr. Fukuyama, the revolutions and conflicts which took place in favour of ideas or principles on Communism or on Fascism have subsided and almost disappeared.

Now we witness a complete victic societies." He admits there- and this is the end of history, as lish the basis for a directional cy and liberalism came out victorious because they concentrate on the spiritual side of humankind more than on any other factors or movements. This spirituality gives to humankind its proper dignity, respect and prestige.

There is no doubt, Mr.

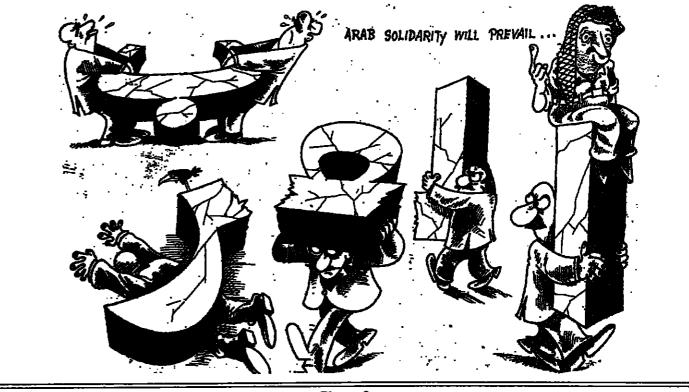
Fukuyama asserts, "that contemporary democracies face any number of serious problems, from drugs, homelessness. and crime to environmental damage It seems that Mr. Fukuyama and the frivolity of consumerism.

> Of course we may not agree trovertible facts. It is a thought provoking explanation which de-

There is no doubt that demovoked and still provoke many arguments and discussions, espe-This did not mean that there cially in the Arab World. While the Third World which are neith-

Every person loves to be free

What he was saying was that the principles of liberty and writer who occasionally conequality underlying the modern tributes to the Jordan Times.



# Pleasant promises

By Leslie H. Gelb

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS told the new and untested American secretary of state to expect some kind of pleasant surprise in Damascus two weeks ago. President Hafez Al Assad, ever the strategist, did not disappoint.

He gave Warren Christopher a secret diplomatic gift that could lead to a redrawing of Middle Eastern battle lines and has already caused the United States. Syria and Israel to revamp negotiating priorities.

The Syrian strongman told the chief U.S. diplomat that he was ready for a major deal with Israel. He repeated public statements about trading "total peace" with Israel for "total withdrawal" by Israel from Syria's Golan Heights. Then he unwrapped his dramatic present: He would no longer insist on instant or even early Israeli withdrawal. He would agree to both sides carrying out their obligations

gradually. This was precisely the magic word Yitzhak Rabin had been looking for. The Israeli prime minister had signalled his desire to exchange land for peace, but the security risk had to be manageable. Israel could not and Israel.

would not take the chance of withdrawing from the Golan until Syria actually demonstrated peaceful intentions, and that would have to take time. Israel would feel safe only if it could bring its forces down from the

heights gradually.

The sides still have to define "gradually." More important, they have to agree on the mean-ing of "total withdrawal" and "total peace." Israel is prepared for a near-total pullout, not a total one. Syria wants everything out, including Israel's civilian settlements.

Mr. Assad's diplo-blitz surprised the Christopher party. They had expected him to wait longer before making any big moves, in order to assess President Bill Clinton's mettle. But the Syrian's agreeableness on the Golan convinced the Americans that he had even larger purposes in mind.

The subtext in the Assad-Christopher dialogue was that Damascus wants to establish a - new relationship with Washington and felt that this was the right time to move. Mr. Assad knows that the only way to the American heart is through peace with

Given the prime minister's inlighted - and try to sidetrack the autonomy talks with the Palestinians.

Christopher ended up more frustrated with the Palestinians than Mr. Rabin was. In his meeting showed great impatience with prodded the Israelis. their inability to make any decisions.

They only wanted to talk about the return of their brethren de-Lebanese no-man's-land. Israel had already gone far to meet those concerns, but they kept demanding concessions that they knew Israel could not and would hearing. not give. Finally, Mr. Christopher offered a generous solution including U.S. pledges to oppose future deportations and

Mr. Rabin was, of course, de-lighted with Mr. Christopher's that the key parties agreed to report of Syrian gradualism. switch negotiating priorities. They are now readying the fast tense personal commitment to a track for a Syrian-Israeli deal and treaty with Syria, the Americans have relegated the tedious but feared that he might be too de-still critical talks on Palestinian autonomy to a slower lane.

Arabs and Israelis alike praised Mr. Christopher's first outing on If anything, however, Mr. terrain that has proved either a graveyard or a springboard for his recent predecessors. He gave away nothing to the Syrians, was with Palestinian leaders he tough with the Palestinians and

His only tactical mistake was a failure to pay enough attention to Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, whose power now rivals ported by Israel and stranded in a or exceeds Mr. Rabin's in the governing Labour Party and whose ideas on regional issues like economic development and arms control deserve a better

Mr. Christopher has begun to opher offered a generous solution
including U.S. pledges to
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opnose future deportations and support various United Nations started his Mideast trip saying resolutions prized by the Palestinians — and told them to take it to listen. He brought home the The immediate upshot of the possibility of much more. — New York Times

### **LETTERS**

## A gloomy bus ride

To the Editor,

I SOMETIMES use buses between Amman and Jerash. When I am forced to use them in rush hours, I feel gloomy because I am always involved in the anarchy at either Jerash or Abdali.

When a bus appears, young men rush to it before it stops. As soon as the door opens, they get on the bus pushing others aside, before the disembarking passengers have had a chance to get off.

Consequently, it is only young men who take the available seats. The elderly and women, on the other hand, are watching aside this jostle, as if they gave up getting on the bus from the start. At last it takes more than one hour for them as well as for me to find a free seat.

Is this a normal situation?

Such a mess can be seen only in buses between Amman and Jerash, while the passengers to other directions, such as Irbid and Sweileh, are waiting in line for their buses.

> Hisahiko Wada Jerash

# Hand in hand

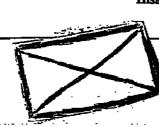
To the Editor, SEX SEGREGATION in our schools was one of the last amendments to

be introduced by some of our respected deputies in Parliament. I think that these deputies are making it sound as if they have solved or discussed all our other problems and so they started with this issue, which does not concern a good percentage of our people. They have even forgotten that we are living in the 20th

In Jordan, we cried for so long for democracy, human rights and more freedom. And now that we have achieved everything we cried for and more, our respected deputies are trying to come up with a new education law to force us to send our sons and daughters to the schools the deputies think are appropriate. I believe that it is the right of the parents to decide which schools

I was very impressed with the ideas of Deputy Faris Al Nabulsi, especially when he said that the best means to prevent children from going astray is to arm them with sound culture and proper education. Yes, we should educate them and teach them how to deal and respect each other, not separate them and scare them from each other. Finally, I believe that we, men and women, need to go hand in hand to create a new society that is able to face the

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# Suspect assures family of innocence

**Britain upgrades PLO contacts** 

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and JD 5 on buying presents to his six sisters and four brothers. Amin Salameh said his son was religious but not a fundamentalist who used to pray mostly at home and advocated a moderate tolerant interpretation of Islam.

He said Mohammad became more religious after entering university, but did not join any political group or fundamental organisations.

Mohammad's mother said she son contacted his family by phone between Jan. 20-25 and there was nothing unusual in the conversa-

tion.
"We spoke about him getting about his married and he asked about his sister's performance in her Taw-

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the Israeli position falls in line

with the six points," he said.

"Our emphasis is on achieving an

Israeli commitment that it will

not expel Palestinians in the fu-

ture, and that it will set a timet-

able for the phased return of

expellees in line with U.N. Secur-

would be very difficult for Arabs

to resume peace talks with Israel

if the Palestinian demands were

Mr. Safyeh, the PLO repre-

sentative in London, said Tues-

day's meeting in London would

focus on the peace process and means of solving the problem of

He said the meeting - consi-

dered a "breakthrough" by

Palestinians — and the British

move to upgrade contacts were aimed at helping the PLO to arrive at a decision to resume the

Mr. Safyeh, in a telephone

interview with the Jordan Times

from London, said the meeting

was highly significant since it

recognition of the unity of the

Palestinian people both inside the

occupied territories and in the

countries expect the PLO to re-

main moderate, to continue its

moderating influence, and to

accept being marginalised at the same time," Mr. Safyeh said. "It

is too much to ask from the

There was no official confirma-

tion of the British move at a

Foreign Office spokesman con-

tacted by the Jordan Times said

official engagements were usually

Palestinian sources considered

the British step a signal of a more

active future European role in the

sion. It is simply the resumption of an old British policy. Howev-

er, it has political significance

considering the timing of the

A spokesman at the British

Foreign Office in London, insist-

ing on anonymity, said "ministe-

rial contacts with the PLO were

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Boulos said he has not been permitted to meet with Mr. Ham-

dan, but hoped to see his client

Tuesday. Mr. Hamdan was in-

itially reported to be from Chica-

go because his U.S. passport was

issued there, the laywer said. U.S. Consular Officer Donna

Sherman confirmed the arrest of

an American, but cited privacy

laws in refusing to give his name.

Arab-American held after questioning

move," a PLO source said.

"It is not a new political deci-

announced on the same day.

Middle East peace process.

"İsrael and some Western

"reflects the British government's

the Palestinian evictees.

peace talks.

not met by the Jewish state.

Mr. Husseini said he believed it

ity Council Resolution 799."

Contacts will continue until

over the six-points."

Mohammad's parents said they gave me a truck, I would leave believed their son was not captoday." Mr. Ukra, 23, told Israel able of committing the crime army radio. "We're talking about which they condemned as an act fear, about helplessness, about that goes against the teachings of trembling."
Zvi Hendel, who heads the Islam and hurts innocent people. Amin Salameh, who left the

jihi examination," she said.

be proven innocent.

cut off during the Gulf crisis — on Sept. 2, 1990, — as a result of the

organisation's support for (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein."

Since then, British contacts

with the PLO were confined to

the British ambassador in Tunis.

plain why London was amending

its policy. "Here in London, we

keep our policies under constant

tus of the PLO office in London

would remain unchanged despite

The British government does not recognise the State of Pales-

tine declared by PLO Chairman

Yasser Arafat in 1988; it does not

recognise the PLO office in Lon-

don as an embassy. But it does

consider the PLO as the repre-

sentative of the Palestinian peo-

ple, and the British ambassador

to Tunis has on many occasions

met with Mr. Arafat, according

Tunis believed the timing of the

British move "was aimed at

appeasing the Palestinians, and

signals a European intention to

play a more active and direct role

in the Middle East peace process

with the approval of the United

PLO will open a crack for Lon-

don through which it can play a

vital role in the Middle East:

British interests are involved

week to upgrade the status of the

PLO mission in Brussles in what

was seen as part of European

Community (EC) steps to im-

prove ties with the PLO and

assume a higher-profile role in

"We expect a flurry of activi-ties by the EC soon after the

sent and immediate past and fu-

ture presidencies of the commis-

sion - was expected to visit

Washington next week in a bid to

explore the possibilities of the

community expanding its role in

the efforts for Arab-Israeli peace.

Mrs. Sherman said the U.S. con-

sulate was informed of the deten-

tion by Israel on March 1 and

visited the man last Thursday.

The two Arab-Americans who

remain jailed are Mohammad

Salah, 39, and Mohammad Jarad,

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They were arrested Jan. 25 and

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The expected British move fol-

"A formal relationship with the

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to PLO sources.

here," he said.

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the upgrading of contacts.

It was understood that the sta-

The spokesman declined to ex-

Jewish settlements' council, said Vest Bank village of Bediah near the government should be ruth-Nablus in October 1967, one less in restoring order to the strip. month after Mohammad was He told Israel army radio the born, in search of a job, said he army should "kill all the wanted had faith in the American judicial men and deport all inciters once "This case will prove if the

U.S. is truly a democratic coun-Col. Y, the army commander try," he said.
"The U.S. is the mother of democracies," Mohammad's mother said, adding that when

in the southern sector fo the strip and whose name cannot be used under military regulations, warned there were no immediate the truth is found her son would solutions.

This is not an ideological issue, but a long term struggle," he told reporters at the scene of

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the killing. Gaza's security problems have meant that Jewish settlement there remains minimial despite years of support from previous hawkish governments led by the Likud Party.

Unlike the occupied West Bank, where government housing subsidies and other benefits brought 129,000 Jewish settlers to live among one million Palestimians, there are less than 5,000 Jews living among Gaza's 800,000

The renewed violence has prompted some officials, led by Health Minister Haim Ramon, to push for Israel to announce it would simply pull out of the strip it seized in the 1967 war in the

But Housing Minister Ben-amin Den Eliezer warned Monday that a hasty departure without first improving the economy would create mayhem. He said Israelis had to insure "we don't

Palestinian shot dead in Gaza have in our backs the largest terror base in the Middle East," Mr. Den Eliezer told Israel

Radio. The week-long closure had provoked much anger in the impoverished strip where few jobs are available. About half of Gaza's labour force of about 100,000 people works in Israel,

mostly in menial jobs. On Monday, about 30,000 Gazans left for jobs in Israel. Heightened security checks at the Erez checkpoint created long

In separate incidents in the strip, troops shot and wounded 13 Palestinians in isolated clashes, Arab hospital sources said.

Leaders of Gaza settlers called for a crackdown in the strip. Israel sealed off the area last Tuesday after a knife-wielding Gazan killed two Israelis and wounded eight in Tel Aviv.

"I propose closing the strip for a week, two weeks, going house to house to find all owners of weapons, all the terrorists, killing the wanted ones, expelling all the inciters immediately and forever," said settler leader Zvi Hen-

When six Israeli soldiers were killed in a week last December, Mr. Rabin expelled 415 Palestinians to Lebanon. Accusing the exiles of links to militant groups and defying world criticism, Mr. Rabin said he had to take drastic

But Arab-Israeli violence has surged since the Dec. 17 expulsion. Jews have killed at least 52 Arabs and Arabs have killed

eight Jews. Hours after Israel closed the strip last Tuesday, Arabs stoned and shot dead an Israeli gas company worker who strayed into Khan Younis refugee camp.

# FBI savs more arrests expected

(Continued from page 1) construction workers Sunday

shored up the basement levels of the massive twin-tower complex, the second highest in the world. Officials for the port authority of New York and New Jersey,

which runs the complex, said they plan to reach the "Ground Zero" explosion site this week where they hope to find more evidence of the bombing.

The bomb was detonated on Feb. 26 on a ramp leading to a lowed a Belgian decision last parking garage below ground, and workers have had to brace the structure of the building in order to allow investigators to reach the area. Specially trained dogs con-

tinued to search for a missing worker, believed to have been killed in the blast. Iran, in a Tehran Radio com-

meetings in London, signalling an mentary on Sunday, accused American approval of a more Israel's Mossad of playing a role active European role in the peace in the bombing in an effort to process," a senior Palestinian fundamentalism. The official said an EC The telephone number Mr. "troika" - representing the pre-

Salameh gave to the van rental agency belonged to Josie Hadas, a woman whose age, ethnic back-ground and nationality have not been disclosed by authorities.

FBI officials would not comment on whether Hadas was an Israeli or had any links to Israeli intelligence. The agency has disclosed almost nothing about Hadas since Mr. Salameh's

Key facilities in the city remain on alert following the blast. Part of the port authority bus terminal in Manhattan, used daily by thousands of commuters from New Jersey, was closed for 90 minutes on Monday morning to investigate a suspicious package.

Nothing was found.

The FBI said it searched an

apartment in Jersey city, N.J., on

Sunday but denied a published report that someone had been taken into custody there.

The apartment belonged to a suspect in the trade centre bombing who moved out two or three months ago, the Jersey Journal of Jersey City reported Monday, quoting sources it did not iden-

The New York Times quoted an investigator on Monday as saying an earlier raid at another apartment in Jersey City turned up three small metal alarm clocks, which could be used as timing devices for a bomb.

More than a week after the Feb. 26 explosion, the question who bombed the World Trade Centre?" was still largely unanswered. The search for answers spans the globe.

The blast in an underground parking garage killed at least five people, injured more than 1,000 and shut down the world's least a month.

Two dogs sniffing through the rubble Sunday turned up no trace of a building employee still listed as missing

The Jersey Journal reported Monday that a man currently living in the apartment raided Sunday was taken into custody. But FBI spoksman Joseph Valiquette said Monday the man was never in custody or under arrest and there were no charges against him. He said anyone in the apartment would have been asked to

leave during the search. During Sunday's raid, agents were seen carting away cardboard boxes, a large gray suitcase, two

rolled up carpets and a rifle bag.
Investigators also were looking into Mr. Salameh's links to Al Sayyid Nosair, who was acquitted of murdering radical Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1990.

# No cars in German cities?

By Nao Nakanishi Reuter

STUTTGART, Germany - Car makers wanting to banish cars from cities may appear to be killing off their own industry, but Daimler-Benz, BMW and Volkswagen are convinced their future depends on ending urban traffic

The three German car giants are investing heavily in the development of computerised traffic management systems.

Trial projects due to start soon in three German cities are aimed at making it more costly and time consuming to use private cars while dramatically improving public transport. Cars will increasingly be excluded from city centres.

Stuttgart, home to Germany's largest industrial group Daimler, last month became the first city in the world to give the go-ahead for a trial of a comprehensive traffic system developed by a Daimler led consortium.

"In Germany, in Europe and elsewhere in the world, we will only be able to bring traffic under control with traffic management systems," said Hartmut Weule, a' Daimler management board member.

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row," he told journalists. Bayerische Motorenwerke (BMW) is working with other firms, railways and city authorities in Munich to develop a similar project and Volkswingen is

doing the same in Hanover. The core of traffic management will be a computer system which collects, processes and distributes all current traffic data available on the flow of vehiclesinto a city.

When the systems are in pilace, electronic signposts will a tvise drivers of the quickest routes and warn about hazards such as ice, road works and accidents.

If traffic is congested, the signs will tell drivers how long it is likely to take them to drive iinto town while simultaneously listing faster public transport alterna-

Displays will include timetables for the nearest buses, trams or trains and the location of nearby car parks.

Suburban park-and-ride centres will be improved so people can leave their cars and walk to railway stations or bus stops wi thout having to brave rain and bad weather: Parking fees will increase the closer the car park is to the city centre.

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testing a technology which will be record radio traffic bulletins and alert drivers to them.

Trains, trams and buses will run more frequently and time-

tables will be coordinated to minimise waiting times. Traffic lights will give public transport priority over private

cars and trucks. "We can create such a system today with existing computer technology." Christoph Huss. director of BMW's street traffic and safety division, told Reuters. \*The question is only whether we want it or not."

Together with local authorities. radio stations and electronics companies such as Siemens and Bosch, Daimler and BMW are spending some 60 million marks (\$36.50 million) each for the first stage of their projects in Stuttgart and Munich.

In April, Daimler will start installing computer operated street signposts to enable people in Stuttgart to choose transport based on latest traffic data.

Private car ownership in Westem Germany has risen six-fold to 31 million during the last 30 vears, but road networks, excluding motorways, have expanded by only about 40 per cent.

Traffic is increasing inexorable but there is less and less space for

new roads to alleviate the conge

The problem is particular acute in Eastern Germany whe the number of cars surged aft unification in 1990, far exceedi the pace of new road constru tion

BMW Management Boa Chairman Eberhard von Kue nheim says that in response to t

growing congestion car make must learn to think in terms transport systems. "The car industry cannot co

centrate on one form of trar port," he said. "It must thi: beyond its own product." The car makers are also neg

tiating with major departme stores to create home delive systems as an additional incenti for people to switch to pub transport.

At a later stage, information systems could be expanded enable drivers to retrieve da through computers or broadca

ing systems in their cars.

"For a few thousand mark you will be able to also buy computer with a card containing road map of the whole of Go many. It will communicate wi the information centre and devi a strategy for avoiding traf jams," said BMW's Huss.

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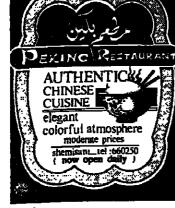




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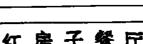
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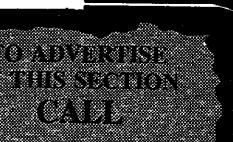
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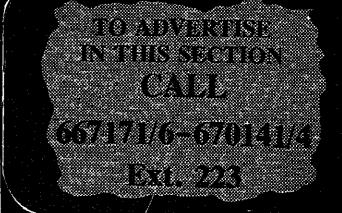
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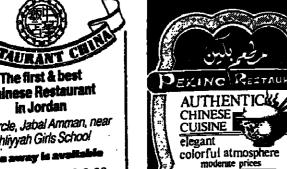


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# Courier wins third 1993 title

PIAN WELLS (R) — Top-I Jim Courier soildified his on the world number one ting with a solid straight sets over 14th-seeded South Afri-Wayne Ferreira at the \$1.4 ion Champions Cup tennis

nament Sunday. I'm off to a great start this "," said Courier, who picked his third title of the young iis season and \$235,000 for a 6-3, 6-1 victory in the two-

r. best-of-five sets final. he baby-faced 17th-ranked reira earned \$123,000 for hing the final of the hard rt tournament that featured it of the top 10 players in the

he victory extended Courier's i over second-ranked fellow erican Pete Sampras to 675 its on the ATP rankings comer - his biggest lead ever as

ourier, who has a 17-1 match ord in 1993, dedicated the ory to Father Joseph Dispenhis mental guru and sports chologist who died earlier this

I got the job done. I didn't him too many points. If I can ke the guy earn his points on serve, it will be a long afteron for him, and it was for me, overall, it was a solid tchi." Courier said.

erreira, playing in his first 3 final, was not especially appointed by the loss. We as players know why he's ked number one and he deves to be there. He really nes through in the big match-Ferreira said.

Graf wins 70 title

DELRAY BEACH, Florida

(R) — Top seed and defending champion Steffi Graf captured her 70th career title Sunday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over secondseeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Florida tennis tournament.

The second-ranked German, four-time winner of this event, tried to play down the significance of her mounting number of titles, but then admitted she was impressed and added with a "one hundred sounds

"I don't know about these things, but then when I'm told, it's amazing," said the Wimbledon champion, who earned \$75,000 for Sunday's win.

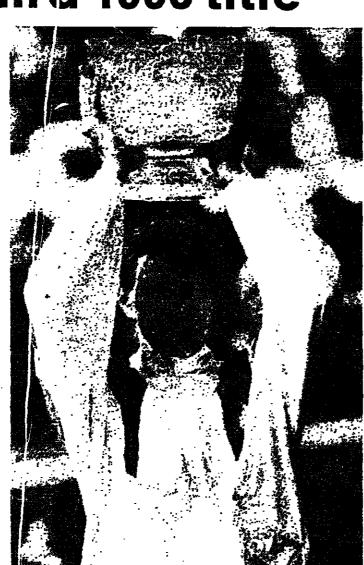
"It's a pretty important win for me, especially with Lipton coming up (next week)," said Graf, after the one hour, 19 minute final. "It's good to go into a big event like Lipton with a win." Fourth-ranked Sanchez, who

earned \$30,000 as runner-up, pulled her left hamstring muscle at 2-2 in the first set. The injury somewhat hampered her court speed and mobility, her greatest

Late in the second set the Spaniard finally called for the trainer, who taped up her leg. But Sanchez refused to blame her loss on the injury.

"It's been great going to the final because it gave me a lot of confidence," she said. "Even though I was a little injured, I played well. The injury is not an excuse to lose because she played

a good match." Graf now holds a commanding 18-3 edge in career meetings with the Spaniard, whom she also beat this year in the Australian Open



Siteffi Graf of Germany raises her trophy in victory at the Virginia Slims of Florida, where she beat Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-4. (5-3 in the finals (AFP photo)

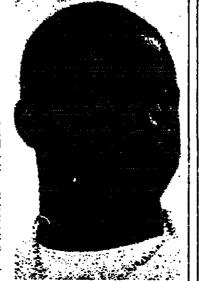
# Johnson retires from track

TORONTO (R) — Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, suspended for life Friday after a second failed drug test, announced Sunday he was retiring and would not

appeal the ruling.

Announcing his retirement,
Johnson said in a statement: "I have had a long career in track. I experienced success and failure. I said after the Seoul Olympics that I would come back and compete clean. I know that I did."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation announced in Paris Friday that Johnson had tested positive on January 17 for a banned drug. Johnson was suspended from the 1988 Olympics for steroid use and this second offence has earned him a lifetime



Ben Johnson

The 31-year-old sprinter had the option to appeal the ruling but his lawyers told a news conference on Sunday that he had decided against an appeal.

### **Inquiry expected after** British football violence

MANCHESTER (R) - Britain's Football Association is expected to

MANCHESTER (R) — Britain's Football Association is expected to begin an inquiry after 300 fans invaded the pitch during the FA Cup quarter-final between Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur.

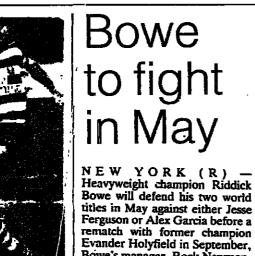
Mounted police charged on to the pitch Sunday to disperse the fans as City trailed 2-4 with only minutes to play.

"We have a meeting of the F.A. Council in London tomorrow and this is bound to come up." said Peter Swales, chairman of Manchester City and the International Committee of the Football Association, British football's governing body.

"We've got to do something because it is clear now that this sort of thing is just not going to go away. We may have to put the fences back up and it would break by heart to do it," he said Sunday.

A government report recommended the removal of fencing, used to cage in supporters, after the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy when 96 people died after being crushed or trampled.

Police, dog handlers and stewards at Sunday's game quelled what could have turned into a riot and arrested 20 people. A female stward was assaulted and one spectator was removed on a stretcher.



Bowe's manager, Rock Newman,

Holyfield will have a tune-up

fight in June, "preferable against

a top 10 fighter," his co-manager

Shelley Finkel said. Finkel said a

date for Holyfield's first fight

since losing the undisputed title

to Bowe last November will likely

It is unlikely that Bowe will be

seriously tested by either Fergu-

son, 19-9, or Garcia, 30-1, in the

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ge Cadete (right) of Sporting Lisbon scores the first goal for his m during the Portuguese Premier League match against Farense. wrting won 2-0 (AFP) photo)

# arcelona, Real Madrid remain at top

al Madrid lost one player iece Sunday but registered ay wins in their duel for Span-

League Supremacy. Barcelona beat lowly Albacete r and Real triumphed 2-1 at inth-placed Valencia to remain

silocked at the top. Deportivo Coruna, in front for weeks until Real Madrid reezed past last weekend, maned only a 2-2 home draw with nerife and now trail the leading r by one point.

Basque striker Aitor Beguinsn struck both Barcelona's als, the first from a pass by Jose quero in the ninth minute and second in the 24th via a long s from defender Ronald Koe-

n, back after a four-match pension. uan Goicoechea was sent off minutes from time after a end booking for violent play.

Real Madrid, missing five regu-

ADRID (R) — Barcelona and lars, won at Valencia for the first time in six years. Tenerife were two down but

stole a point from Deportivo in the closing moments of a game that had been liberally sprinkled with cards. A red went to Tenerife's depu-

ty coach Angel Cappa for a first half protest then Deportivo's Antonio Doncel received the same treatment for a second booking in the 5th minute.

Deportivo's goals came from Javier Fran and Brazilian striker Jose Bebeto, the season's top scorer with 21 goals.

### Milan squeaks by Fiorentina

Dejan Savicevic scored twice to pace AC Milan to a 2-0 victory over Fiorentina Sunday, extending the red and blake's Italian first division unbeaten streak to 57 and dropping the Fiorentines to just above the relegation zone.

### **GOREN BRIDGE**

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANKAH HIRSCH

North-South vulnerable. East

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or 10s and 9s, we cannot stress too lighly the importance of those cards n the play. This hand, from a ruber-bridge game at the Regency Whist Chib in New York, graphicalillustrates our point.

We see no reason to open an offhape no trump with the East cards, pecially since the hand completely

SPOT ON

lacked fillers. South's two clubs was a major-suit take-out, and North expressed no preference by possing West's double. No one can blame West for electing to double at this

vulnerability.

West led a low club and declarer ruffed East's jack. A low heart to the queen fetched the ace, and East shifted to king of spades, taken by the ace. When the king of hearts dropped the jack, the heart suit was established and declarer was in the driver's seat. driver's seat.

Prepared to lose two trump tricks and two diamonds, in addition to the ace of hearts, declarer simply continued hearts from hand. Dummy's ten of trumps was a killer. West elected to waste a high trump to ruff the third heart, and when the defender cashed the other trump winner to prevent a possible ruff, declarer was able to draw the last trump and lead a diamond to the

king to collect an overtrick: Shift the ten of spades to West or the nine of hearts to East and declarer will have a difficult time of it. Although declarer can ruff a heart in dummy, there is no way to return to the South hand without fatally weakering declarer's trumps.

# World Youth Soccer Championship

# Australia book quarter-final place

SYDNEY (Agencies) — Australia beat Russia 3-1 in Sydney Monday to move into the quarter-finals of the World Youth Soccer Championship. The Australians opened the

scoring in the 13th minute when Sean Cranney's header hit the bar and defender Murad Magomedov had to take the blame for an own Russia's Sergei Chudin scored

six minutes later by volleying home after a neat passing move. Australia took command midway through the second half after appearing lethargic in the early stages against the technically su-

Striker Ante Milicic, named man of the match, put the home team ahead in the 69th minute. It was his second goal of the tournament after scoring against

headed in Australia's third goal in the 81st minute.

Meanwhile Colombia scored a thrilling 3-2 win over Cameroon

Kap singer Hammer, an advisin Canberra. er to Holyfield, said the former Colombian captain and striker champion and his new cornermen Henry Zambrano hit the winner

Colombia Friday. Fellow striker Paul Agostino

five minutes from the end and

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threw his side a tournament lifeline after being beaten by Australia in their opening match. Cameroon crashed out of the under-20 cup with no points from

### Championship briefs

two Group A matches.

- England coach David Burnside said his team would give the United States plenty of respect when the two nations meet Tuesday night in Soccer's World Youth Championship.

The Americans made a stunning start to the tournament with 6-0 victory over European champion Turkey, while England struggled to a 1-1 draw with South Korea in the other Group

Burnside said England's defenders would make the American forwards much more closely than the Turks did.

"There was this much space between them and Turkey," said Burnside, with his hands more than a meter apart, "There was

none between us and Korea. "The Americans played in a carefree way and I sensed the

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"Perhaps they underestimated them Americans.

- Fame and fortune would await the Saudi Arabia team if it will soccer's World Youth Championship, a team official said Monday.

The Saudis opened the tournament with a 0-0 draw against two-time champion Brazil Sunday night and will face Norway in their second Group D match on Tuesday night.

Team secretary Musade Al Talasi said the Saudi government probably would reward players with \$50,000 in cash, cars and ment.

Talasi said there would be long term rewards if the Saudi team

was successful. They will become famous in our country, and in other Arab countries," he said.

When you get famous, you get rich '

Key American playmaker Imad Baba underwent treatment for an ankle injury Monday and could miss his team's second match, officials said.

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## HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY MARCH 9, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Forget fun and get at all that accumulated work ahead of you that has been sitting on your desk. It is easy to be quarrelsome, get up-set and loss tempers as the Moon squares at 2:56 p.m.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Every sort of up and away friends and acquaintances who are talented and articulate in express-ing themselves can untold benefit to you now.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)
Get out in public now and let those in positions of power and authority as well as the general public know of your capabilities, how you can live them.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Consider well whatever new out-lets are now available to you that you can know more about and make them a part of your future undertakings.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Put some zip and zest into your relationship with those you love the most and you will find life more electric in the days ahead. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Get away from your usual haunts and conventional persons and meet those who have made an unusual success in dfferent and out of the

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Add sparkle and enthusiasm to

whatever your activities are today or tonight and you can have a much more interesting daily routine in whatever interests you

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LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) A great day for quickly getting chores done and to be off to the amusements and entertainments that you and congenial companions

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Take a good look at your home and don't be so hung up on some old and traditional articles that you do not replace some withmodern conveniences. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) Study up on any and all inventions and ingenious plans or ideas that could be of use and helpful to you and make them a part of your everyday living. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

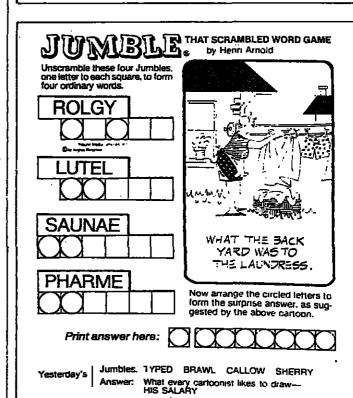
January 20) Take a good look at your property and possessions and see what of a current nature you can do that improves both the value and the appearance.

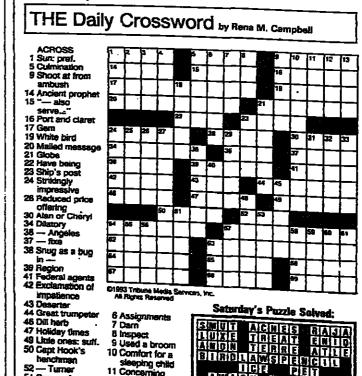
AQUARIUS: (January 2) to February 19) Your most extraordinary and bizarre attributes are touched off now so don't hesitate to do something about them so they catapult you forward.

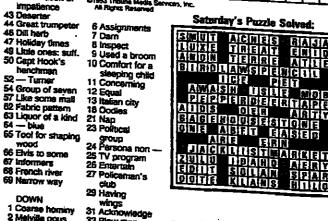
PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) In your usual quiet hours you now have all kinds of advanced and progressive ideas how you can be more successful but keep them to yourself, try them out in private.



"You're in a rotten mood, so I made you a temporary smile out of mashed potatoes."







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BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Monday it lost up to \$55 billion in

oil exports by the end of 1992 as a

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of 1992 reached \$55 billion," the

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# Lights go out on Croatia coast as energy crisis mounts

ZAGREB (R) — Croatia's power suppliers pulled the plug on thousands of homes and factories on the Dalmatian coast Monday in an escalating energy crisis ko Lovric, Elektroprivreda's diswrought by war and severe drought.

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Workers at cement, steel and chemical plants were sent home and managers were forced to shut down factories, crippling the coast's already shell-shocked economy.

Croatia's state-owned power company Elektroprivreda ordered all electricity supplies to be cut from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily for an indefinite period, saying these draconian measures were aimed at staving off a total collapse of power supply to the

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situation. There'll be over a million people without electricity for most of the day and even worse tribution manager for Dalmatia.

But hospitals, bakeries, milk suppliers and kindergartens should not be hit, he added. The cuts will, however, put paid to attempts to revive

Croatia's tourist industry — a

potential multi-million dollar ear-

temperature is below freezing."

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ner - and cause more hardship for thousands of Bosnian refugees sheltering on the coast. "It's awfui. I don't remember anything being as bad as this," said mother-of three Ivanka Banovac, when contacted by tele-

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Croatia's electric power grid suffered massive damage in 1991 when Croatian militia fought a bloody independence war against rebel Serbs.

Most transmission lines from the main body of Croatia to its coastal arm were destroyed when Serbs seized control of the Kraiina enclave. The region almost cuts the coast off from the rest of

Mr. Lovric said the region had been served mainly by small hydroelectric plants for the past 18 months, but reservoirs feeding the stations have been nearly drained after two and a half months of drought.

"Dalmatia has operated like an island for the past 18 months and now the situation is critical. We need rain, lots of rain," he said.

Surprisingly, the Dalmatian coast has been receiving power from thermo-electric plants in neighbouring Bosnia despite an 11-month war there. Supplies from plants near Travnik and Kakanj in central Bosnia have reached the coast through transmission lines passing through the south of the country which is in the control of Bosnian Croats.

"Cooperation with Bosnia has helped but now they too have problems and have started power cuts," Mr. Lovric said.

Tomo Bolatin, commercial director of the ferro-alloy plant of Dugi Rat in Split, said 70 per cent of the 14,000 workers had been sent home. The rest were just coming in to do administrative

# Dubai gold imports go up by 72 per cent

DUBAI (R) - Dubai's gold imports rose 72 per cent in 1992, an all time record for the UAE emirate which is ranked the world's fifth most important gold trading centre.

Imports were 284 tonnes in 1992 worth some \$3 billion compared with 165 tonnes the previous year and 161 tonnes in 1990, according to World Gold Council (WGC) figures released by the WGC office in Dubai. The steep increase in Dubai

reflects in part recent Indian leg-

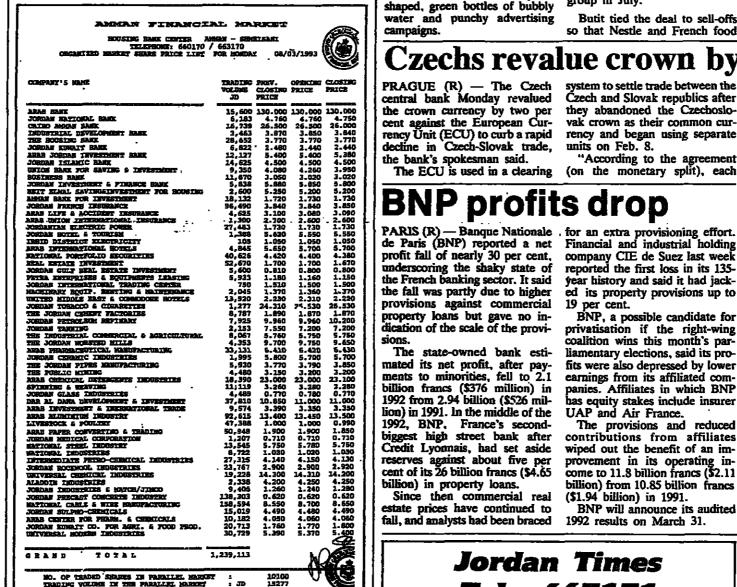
islation to allow gold imports by

expatriate Indians returning home," a WGC report said. "Dubai is a major source of gold for India. Preliminary esti-

mates for gold demand in the Indian sub-continent (in 1992) indicate a volume of some 300 tonnes versus 280 tonnes in 1991," it said. Traders attributed the boom to

a dip in world gold prices and the easing of controls on gold imports countries like India and Pakistan. Dubai does not impose any

restrictions or tariffs on the import and export of gold.



# Pakistan budget deficit expected | Iraq says to be 7.4 per cent of GDP

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's of five per cent when the budget The economy surged 7.6 per cent budget deficit will balloon in 1992/93 because of flagging tax revenue and the high cost of devastating floods last year, a government minister and World Bank officials said

"Pakistan will have a 7.4 per cent deficit this year (July/June) according to the state (central) Bank of Pakistan," Minister of State for Economic Affairs Sardar Assef Ali said in a recent interview.

"This is dangerously high even though it is an optimistic figure," he said. The eventral bank refused to comment.

A report by a World Bank economist Sunday included similar forecasts.

Several senior government offi-cials have warned the gap would widen to as much as nine per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), far outstripping forecasts

giant Nestie has wrapped up its

takeover of the Perrier bottled

water group when its offer to sell

other big mineral water brands

like Vichy in the name of fair play

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Nestle, which already boasts

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Perrier, renowned for its pear-

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was announced last May.

Pakistan said then the budget deficit would not exceed 65 billion rupees (\$2.58 billion), about 5.0 per cent of GDP.

In 1991/92 the deficit made up 6.1 per cent of GDP, down from 8.8 per cent the previous year but well short of the target of 4.8 per cent set by the International Monetary Fund as part of its conditions for helping Pakistan. World Bank official Pedro

Alba forecast the budget would exceed 7.5 per cent because of devastating floods that swept across the central Puniab cotton growing belt and cost the govern-ment an estimated \$2.5 billion in losses and relief work.

An internal government report has said Pakistan's economic growth rate may be slashed to 4.0 per cent from projections of 6.3 per cent as a result of the floods.

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The commission had approved

Nestle's 15.46 billion French

franc (\$2.8 billion at current ex-

change rates) purchase of the

world's largest bottled water

Butit tied the deal to sell-offs

French beverage group Castel.

Nestle sells some water

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the year before.

Mr. Alba said Pakistan had not been entirely successful in improving its fiscal and external account balances and said revenue mobilisation had not been as strong as it could be.

Tax revenue has remained basically stagnant since fiscal 1968, he said, and the structure of expenditures needed to be examined.

"Innovative ways must be found to collect money," Mr. Ali said, adding that no one in Pakistan had ever been convicted of tax evasion.

Tax collection has improved significantly, Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz said in a recent interview. It rose 12 billion rupees (\$461 million) last year to 142 billion (\$5.46 billion) and this year's target had been set at 172 billion rupees (\$6.6 billion).

a third competitor in the French

Nestle had previously fought

off a potential rival bid by the

Italian Agnelli family, owners of

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But in February the commis-

sion rejected Nestle's first sell-off

plan, which had not included

sell-offs to wrap up the deal.

market for bottled water.

The source said Iraq's total production before U.N. sanctions was 3.2 million barrels per day (b/d) of which 2.75 million were for export. Its pre-sanctions OPEC production quota was 3.1 million b/d.

the oil ministry as saying.

United Nations sanctions imposed on Iraq soon after its Aug. 2, 1990 invasion of Kuwait block all trade with Baghdad, apart from imports of food and medi-

In January the newspaper quoted another source as saying that losses from the U.N. embar go on Iraqi oil amounted to \$44 billion by the end of June. 1992. Gulf war bombing inflicted

damage worth \$1.8 billion on oil installations, the source said. . Iraq says it has repaired its oil facilities and would be ready to export more than two million b/d once the U.N. decides to remove restrictions on its crude exports:

### Pierval, as insufficient. so that Nestle and French food 2% against ECU Czechs revalue crown by

PRAGUE (R) - The Czech central bank Monday revalued the crown currency by two per cent against the European Currency Unit (ECU) to curb a rapid decline in Czech-Slovak trade, the bank's spokesman said.

The ECU is used in a clearing

system to settle trade between the

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group in July.

Czech and Slovak republics after they abandoned the Czechoslovak crown as their common currency and began using separate units on Feb. 8.

currency against the ECU by up to five per cent," bank spokesman Martin Svehla told Reuters. The Slovak central bank devalued the Slovak crown by five per cent earlier this month

(on the monetary split), each

ed its property provisions up to

privatisation if the right-wing

coalition wins this month's par-

liamentary elections, said its pro-

fits were also depressed by lower

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rown would make Czech goods more expensive abroad but Slovak goods cheaper for Czech PARIS (R) — Banque Nationale for an extra provisioning effort. de Paris (BNP) reported a net Financial and industrial holding

Mr. Svehla said the reason for the revaluation was a 1.5 billion crown (\$53.5 million) Slovak dereported the first loss in its 135ficit in trade between the two year history and said it had jackndependent countries in the first three weeks since they adopted separate currencies. BNP, a possible candidate for

Revaluation of the Czech

Even before that, trade between the two declined. In January they exchanged goods worth six billion crowns (\$214.3 million), some 40 per cent less than in the same month in 1992.

"The drop is not only a monetary problem," he said. "There are a lot of administrative barriers which curb mutual trade or make it impossible."

Czechoslovakia split into separate Czech and Slovak republics on Jan. 1. Businessmen now need a number of customs documents to export their goods to the other country.

Czech Economy Minister Karel Dyba said if imports continue at some 30 to 40 per cent of past levels it would result in companies taking forced holidays or

stopping production. Fronta Dnes it would cause gross domestic product (GDP) to shrink by three to five per cent. Last year Czech GDP fell by 6.7 per cent to 738.3 billion crowns (\$26.4 billion). In 1991 it

shrank by 14 per cent for all of Czechoslovakia.

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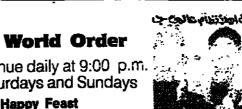
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# Bosnian Muslims order offensive against Serbs to 'save people'

SARAJEVO (R) — The commander of Bosnian Muslim Boris day against Serb forces to relieve wouldpressure on Muslim enclaves and tical for prevent the massacre of innodefuse ent people."

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his of U.N. peace keeping forces and end taid officials have expressed conern for the safety of thousands of Muslims trapped in the region which Serbs have blockaded since S which Serbs have blockaded since the civil war in Bosnia began last

spring.

JOH The settlement of Cerska fell to PolicSerbs last week and many of its pectsinhabitants fled to Srebrenica 50 rifleskilometres south.

that Sarajevo's old town came easteunder heavy artillery bombardthoriment shortly before midnight ThSunday but the Bosnian capital minipas quiet during the night. belie Six U.S. cargo planes dropped Marmore than 46 tonnes of supplies

over Srebrenica early Monday in the eighth airdrop mission to eastern Muslim pockets.

For the third night, the airdrops targetted the town of Srebrenica where refugees are said to In be gathering after fleeing attacks

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Bosnia," a statement by the U.S.-European Command said.

The airdrops, at high altitude to avoid possible ground fire, have so far dumped about 210 tonnes of military rations and 5.4 toones of medical supplies over the former Yugoslav republic.

General Philippe Morillon, commander of the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Bosnia, was due of meet Serb and Muslim military commanders to discuss a ceasefire around Srebrenica to enable aid to be sent in and sick or wounded people to be brought out.

He wants to open a safe corridor from the town to evacuate those of its 60,000 people, including refugees from fallen Muslim settlements, who want or need to

Bosnian Serbs are insisting that any evacuation of Muslims from Srebrenica must be matched by a similar measure to allow Serbs to leave the Muslim-held town of Tuzla.

Leadrs of Bosnia's warring Muslims and Serbs, returning from crucial peace talks in New York, were consulting their supporters Monday on whether to stand firm or make concessions to

reach a peace agreement. The break in the peace negotiations came as U.N. forces in the embattled former Yugoslav republic stepped up efforts to get food and medical aid to trapped Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia and take out the sick and wounded.

Bosnia's Muslim President Alia Izetbegovic said he was leaving New York for consultations in Sarajevo but would return later int he week "with the intention of moving the discussions forward to by Bosnian Serb forces in eastern a successful conclusion."

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said Monday be did not believe the international community would send troops against Serbian forces in the former

Yugoslav republic.
Mr. Karadzic, speaking on his return from New York during a break in Bosnia peace talks for consultations, was responding to a statement by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali.

The United Nations chief said Sunday that members of the world body must be prepared to send troops against Serbian forces if the Serbs failed to agree to a peace plan for Bosnia.

"I do think the international community does not plan any use of force, since we have force enough," Mr. Karadzic told Reuters Television in Belgrade. "They should help us find a solution to the crisis.

Mr. Karadzic said hsi side had put forward a plan in New York similar to one worked out by international mediator Cyrus Vance for the former Yugoslav Republic of Croatia.

..We are absolutely positive that this is the only way out of this crisis," he said. Croatia is divided into three

areas under the protection of U.N. peacekeeping troops pend-ing a political settlement. Mr. Karadzic has rejected a

new map for Bosnia dividing it into 10 semi-autonomous regions largely along ethnic lines, and has advocated a truce in the fighting while a political solution is negotiated European Community foreign

ministers Monday discussed moves to tighten sanctions on rump Yugoslavia, but played down the idea of outside military

action if negotiations among the warring parties broke down.

Lord Owen, co-chairman of the U.N.-sponsored peace conference on the former Yugoslavia, briefed ministers on the state of play in New York peace talks which broke off temporarily at the weekend to allow Bosman Muslim and Serb leaders to consult their respective governments.

Lord Owen told reporters on arrival in Brussels that the next few weeks were critical and there were many things which could be done to help restore peace to war-torn Bosnia.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd played down the apparent suggestion by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali that U.N. member states must be ready to send troops against Serbian forces if they fail to agree a negotiated peace.
"I don't think there is anything

in that... no one is suggesting the use of force before an agreement is reached," he said.

Mr. Hurd said that if Lord Owen found that Bosnia's Serbs were mainly to blame for holding up a peace agreement, "Then I am sure that we would want to consider straight away how to tighten the grip of sanctions."

Mr. Hurd said he was having talks with CSCE (Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) sanctions coordinator Antonio Napolitano ahead of Monday's ministerial meeting to discuss details of how sanctions could be made to bite harder on Serbia and its small ally Mon-

N. Korea

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TOKYO (Agencies) — North Korea Monday proclaimed a "semi war state" in response to

joint U.S.-South Korean military

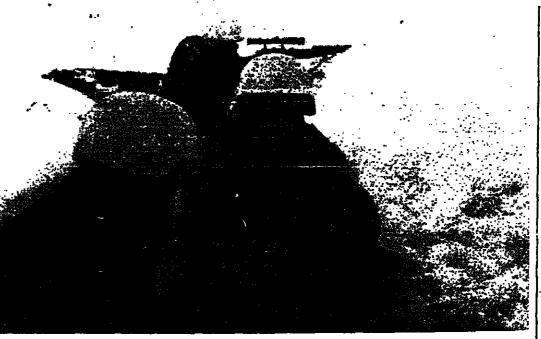
exercises, saying it would be on

high alert against attack during

The Communist North routine-

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Mr. Hurd said one option was "making it impossible for oil to come down the Danube."



U.N. soldiers sit in trenches southeast of Sarajevo Airport to defend positions following an attack on a humanitarian convoy (AFP photo)

## Communists stage march in Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — Diehard Communists marked International Women's Day here Monday by banging empty pots in protest over poverty and calling for the overthrow of President Boris Yeltsin's government.

"Yeltsin is a butcher of the Russian people," said one of the banners sailing among a sea of red Soviet flags, carried by a crowd of around 1,000 people who gathered near a huge statute of Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin.

Several dozen women, mostly elderly, carried empty pots and pans banging them with spoons to protest against poverty caused, they said, by Mr. Yeltsin's drive from communism to capitalism. March 8, International Women's Day, was one of the biggest holidays in the former Soviet Union and Russia's parlia-

ment kept it as a national holiday. Apart from this rally, Moscow

appeared to be calm less than two

days ahead of a crucial meeting of

the country's highest legislature.
The conservative-dominated
Congress of People's Deputies meets Wednesday, likely to target Mr. Yeltsin and his re-

The Monday march was staged by the Russian Communist Workers' Party, a hardline fac-tion in the country's Communist movement.

The party says it is ready to fight Mr. Yeltsin and his government by every means to restore the Soviet Union and Communist

It views Russians reforms as a successful implementation of a plot by "world Zionism' masterminded with the help of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.
"Everyone come to fight Yelt-

sinism," said the party's paper. To unity by an uprising. The crowd, accompanied by a heavy police escort, marched towards the government headquarters through sunlit Moscow

Meanwhile, President Boris Yeltsin proposed a new compromise to end a power struggle with conservative rivals which threatens to destabilise Russia and wreck his economic reforms to establish a free market.

He called for this week's session of the Congress of People's Deputies to adopt a "law on power" which he said would clearly define the responsibilities of executive and legislative authorities.

> "I do not want confrontation with legislative power," Mr. Yelt-sin said in an interview on Commonwealth Television Sunday. He was speaking two days after

the conservative-dominated parliament set the stage for a headon clash at the Congress by rejecting his proposals for powersharing.

"I want a law on power to adopted," Mr. Yeltsin said, handing draft of the document to the television interviewer.

# killed in S. Africa bus attack

centoURBAN (R) — Gunmen killed sive hree people and wounded eight An an attack on a bus in South tem ince Monday, police said. on There are three dead and moraght wounded," police Captain ide: lamilton Ngidi said.

N The African National Congress arreANC) earlier said 10 of its supnotionters had been killed on their (\$6vay to a court hearing in Pieterin Inaritzburg on previous masnevacres.

It was the third major attack in week in the province, scene of

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bitter political fighting between the ANC and its main rival, the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

Six children were murdered in an ambush on a pickup truck taking them to school in the hilly Table Mountain area near Pietermaritzburg last Tuesday. This was followed by an attack

on a minibus in the same area Friday in which six women and four men died. The latest attack took place at

capital Three men appeared briefly in due to begin next month.

cy Youhap quoted an aide as

Justice Minister Park Hee-Tae.

whose daughter gained back-door

entry to university by renouncing

her citizenship, was thrown out

and replaced by Prosecutor-

General Kim Doo-Hee. Health Minister Park Yang-Sil,

alleged to have performed illegal

abortions and to have made un-

lawful property deals, was re-placed by Song Jeong-Sook, a newspaper editorial writer.

In an unexpected move, the

president ousted Construction

Minister Hub Jai-Young in

favour of Koh Byung-Woo, presi-

dent of the Korea Stock Ex-

The presidential spokesman

said a probe into Mr. Kuh's past

showed he had "many prob-

lems", but he refused to elabo-

rate. New reports speculated Kuh

had amassed a huge fortune through illegal land speculation.

vincial governor, was appointed

mayor of Seoul, succeeding Kim

Sang-Chul who was dismissed last

week only three days after getting

The outgoing mayor is accused

into a private garden.

the job.

Lee Won-Jong, a former pro-

Pietermaritzburg magistrate's court Monday in connection with the massacre of the children. No charges were put when Sibusiso Zulu, Jeremiah Zulu and a youth who could not be named due to his age appeared. The case was adjourned to

March 30. Black and white political leaders have expressed fears the

attacks were part of efforts to derail South Africa's fragile democracy negotiations leading swayiname, also near the Natal to an end to white minority rule. Full-scale democracy talks are

the annual Team Spirit military exercise, which it describes as a provocation. North Korea's official news agency, monitored in Tokyo, said the armed forces and citizens alike should "keenly watch every

move of the enemy with high revolutionary vigilance and keep themselves in full combat readiness to destroy the enemies at one stroke. More than 120,000 U.S. and South Korean troops are to par-

ticipate in this year's man-ocuvres, which the United States and South Korea say are purely Last year's exercises were can-

celled as a peace gesture to North Korea after the two Koreas signed an accord to promote dialogue. But the 1993 exercises were reinstated after North Korea refused to agree to inter-Korean inspections of its suspected nuclear weapons facilities. The 10-day exercises, begin-

ning Tuesday, are among the largest joint war games in the world, although they have been greatly scaled back from 1991. when more than 2 million troops participated. The Korean peninsula was di-

vided into the North and South in 1945 and the two sides fought a three year war after the North invaded the South in 1950. The border between them is tightly sealed and the most heavily fortified in the world.

### Russians oppose return of isles to Japan TOKYO (R) - More than three peace treaty or offer large-scale in four Russians oppose returning aid to Russia unless Moscow rec-

four disputed islands to Tokyo, according to a joint Russo-Japanese poli released Monday. The poli found 76.7 per cent said they opposed giving the is-

lands to Japanese rule, up from

72.2 per cent in a similar poll

taken last November. Asked the same question, 86 per cent of Japanese said they favoured the return of the four

islands, up 🤨 her cent. Japan sovereignt,

ands off the northern coast or Hokkaido, seized by Soviet troops in the closing days of W 'I War II. Japan has remeded onclude a

ognises Japanese sovereignty over the four islands. The poll, taken by Japan's

Central Research Service and the Russian Centre for Public Opinion and Market Research, surveyed 1,410 Japanese over 20 vears old and 1.581 Russians over 16 years old in early February.

Although an overwhelming number of Japanese want to see the islands returned, they had different opinions on the nature of the ties they wish to maintain with Russia.

Almost 45 per cent of the respondents said economic and cultural relations with Russia should be promoted regardless of the territorial issue, while 45.1 per cent said promotion of ties should wait until the dispute had been resolved.

The same poli also asked for an impression of the other country and found that Russians held a than vice versa.

While almost six out of 10 Russians said they had a good impression of the Japanese and two out of 10 a very good impression, fewer than one in 10 Japanese said they had a good impression and fewer than one in 100 a very good impression of

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A woman who helped lead a highly publicised campaign to locate her missing daughter was charged Sunday with killing the 17-year-

### Amato faces darkest hour as decree blocked

ROME (R) - Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato faced a revolt in his own ranks as even staunch supporters lined up against government plans to defuse the country's devastating bribery scandal.

The refusal Sunday of State President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro to sign a decree aimed at keeping a flood of corruption offenders out of fail marked a low point in Mr. Amato's stormy eight-month administration, analysts said.

But few were willing to predict he would resign. Most believed he would simply downgrade the decree into an

ordinary bill that needed prior parliamentary approval, replace Environment Minister Carlo Ripa Di Meana who resigned in protest at the weekend and soldier on.

Some thought Mr. Scalfaro, up to now the prime minister's staunchest political supporter, had even saved Mr. Amato's skin by forcing him to re-think a high-

The decree would have immediately removed jail penalties for those convicted of illegally channelling funds to political parties, a major theme of the yearlong scandal which has ruined dozens of Italy's political and industrial elite. It would have substituted fines

and an obligation to repay bribes and stay out of office for two to five years. Opposition parties have

branded it a whitewash and even the magistrates it was designed to help have said it would paralyse their investigations.

But the 74-year-old Christian

Democrat Scaalfaro had objected mostly to the decree form of the plan because he believed it would clash with a referendum on party financing due next month. "Scalfaro seems to have pulled

off an incredible feat, saving his own credibility without bringing down the government," La Stampa newspaper said.

His refusal to sign the part dealing with party financing had

come after consultations with Mr. Amato just hours before. "It all tends to suggest that Mr.

Amato will not take it as an unacceptable insult," said II Giornale newspaper, but Italian state radio was more pessimistic Monday, saying the government's future looked increasingly in doubt.

Financial markets showed concern Monday, with bonds easing and the lira coming off to 950 against the German mark from 954 Friday. Shares opened weak-

Mr. Amato must still face an onslaught in parliament Tuesday over his plans, which have disturbed several senior members of his four-party coalition.

Ripa Di Meana, the fourth minister to have resigned because of the scandal in less than a month, had called them "dangerous," fearing the electorate would see them as a plot to save corrupt politicians from jail.

# Kanemaru riches stun Even cynical Japanese

COKYO (R) — Fallen Japanese Sowerbroker Shin Kanemaru, befind bars after his arrest on tax Svasion charges, diverted politic-I donations worth 2.8 billion yen 524 million) for private use, tailies reported Monday.

<sup>2</sup> "The people's distrust (in Soliticians) has now reached a langerous height of anger beeause of allegations that he hid the money for his own personal ain," said Asahi Shimbun.

I "It made a fool of those who often repeat the maxim about colitics being a costly business. ( Asahi and another daily, Zomiuri Shimbun, said Mr. Canemaru, 78, and top aide Masahisa Haibara switched 2.8 sillion yen worth of political lonations since 1984 into fiveyear discount bonds, which do not require registry by name. Such bearer bonds, issued by the Nippon Credit Bank, have often been used to cheat the taxman. Prosecutors have confiscated the certificates as evidence,

the dailies said. Of the total sum converted by Mr. Kanemaru and Mr. Haibara into discount bonds, prosecutors said they were considering possible tax evasion charges on 1.2 billion yen (\$10 million) of their incomes since 1987, the reports

The rest of the total could not be used in an indictment because of a five-year legal limit on tax evasion charges. It was unclear who gave Mr.

Kanemaru or Mr. Haibara the

# Swiss lift casino restrictions. agree to gas hikes

BERN (AP) - Swiss voters Sunday opted to relax a virtual ban on gambling and raise gasoline prices by one fifth, answering the government's plea for more cash in central coffers.

Nearly 120 years after casinos were first outlawed by the constitution, 72.4 per cent of voters, or 1.7 million people, accepted government proposals to drop most restrictions.

A slight majority of 54.4 per cent, or 1.3 million, voted in favour of a 20 centimes (13 cents) hike per litre of gasoline, currently about one Swiss franc per litre.

Voter turnout was 50.4 per cent of the 4.5 million electorate. The government and the tourist industry lobbied hard in favour of the roulette tables, arguing that existing restrictions among the most draconian in Europe — are outdated.

The Swiss constitution banned of illegally developing green belt land to the south of the capital "the opening and running of gambling houses" in 1874. This was in response to excesses by the likes of Russian poet Findor Bostoevski, who staked his levelihood on wild nights of roulette. Bostoevski, who once returned to his shocked wife without his coat and wedding ring, reputedly based his 1862 classic The Gambler on his own experiences in

Geneva. In 1956 the electorate voted to ease the ban slightly and fixed a five franc (\$3.3) upper limit on stakes. It has remained there ever since, much to the chagrin and embarrassment of owners of the

18 permitted casinos. The Swiss spend an estimated 900 million francs (\$600 million) per year on money spinners like roulette, blackjack and baccarat at casinos just over the borders in Germany, Austria, Italy and France.

Brushing moral concerns aside, the government said this money could just as well as spent inside Switzerland. It wants to use the anticipated annual revenues of 150 million francs (\$100 million) on social security benefits.

# Top German parties ponder rightist election gains

BONN (R) - Germany's mainstream parties, joited by local elections in Hesse state, began analysing Monday why they had lost so much support to extreme right-wing parties Politicians and commentators

filled morning television and radio shows with laments about now protest votes had helped the far-right Republicans win seats on dozens of local councils.

Embarrassed pollsters sought to explain why their surveys failed to spot the stinging defeat for the Social Democrats (SPD), the traditional power in the western state, or predict the full measure of the swing to the right. No matter how it was ex-

plained, the vote Sunday was seen as a further blow to the established parties and a barometer of mounting frustration with most politicians' failure to solve problems that have arisen since German unification in 1990. "The

Only 71.3 per cent of 4.3 million eligible voters in Hesse were the Republicans and the biggest party was the non-voters," ARD Television comlowest turnout since 1948. mented. "There are no mass parties any

more, there are only former mass parties that cannot integrate their fringes," said Daniel Cohn-Bendit of the Greens, another big winner with 11 per cent. The anti-foreigner Republicans

won 8.3 per cent of the vote across the state, with 9.5 per cent in Frankfurt, Germany's financial capital, and up to 15 per cent in smaller towns. The big losers were the SPD, the main opposition party in

Bonn, which plunged 8.4 per cent from Hesse's 1989 local polis to 36.4 per cent. The Christian Democratic Union (CDU) slipped 2.3 per cent to 32 per cent, but this was better than expected for a party facing broad dissatisfaction with Chancellor Helmut Kohl's tired centre-

right coalition.

bothered to cast their votes, the "The people are running away from the big parties," the Frank-

furter Rundschau newspaper Noting that the SPD seemed unable to profit from Mr. Kohl's

unpopularity, the Frankfurter Aligemeine Zeitung wrote: "Governments get worn out. It is dismaying to see there is no strong opposition to the govern-Dieter. Roth of the Forschung-

sgruppe Wahlen polling group said pre-election surveys had shown a large group of undecided voters who made it difficult to predict the result reliably.

The extreme right, which had been expected to be cowed by the many candlelight marches against racism that followed last ausurged in city areas where voters were more anonymous than in small towns, he said. "The neighbours don't neces-

sarily know there what one will vote," he told German radio. "A lot of votes there went directly from the SPD to the Republi-Mr. Roth said the big loss for

the SPD was in effect a slap against the local power group and mirrored a seven per cent loss the CDU suffered in the last election. Although the Republicans say

they deplore violence against foreigners, Ignatz Bubis, leader of Germany's small Jewish community, described them as wolves in sheep's clothing" and urged mainstream parties to have nothing to do with them.

"Anyone who votes for the extreme right now does so out of conviction, not out of protest, tumn's anti-foreigner violence, Mr. Bubis said on television.



### Katharine Hepburn gets clean bill of

health HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) -Actress Katharine Hepburn has received a clean bill of health from doctors of Hartford Hospital and was expected to be discharged this week, a hospital spokesman said. The 85-year-old actress was hospitalised Thursday for exhaustion. Ms. Hepburn underwent tests and was examined by several specialists. Hartford Hospital spokesman James Battaglio said Sunday. Mr. Battaglio wouldn't say what the tests were, but said their outcome was good. He said she should be discharged by Tuesday. Ms. Hepburn, a resident of New York. spends weekends at her family summer home in the Atlantic coast town of Old Saybrook. She was born in Hartford.

### Hoax headlines say Indian premier quits

NEW DELHI (R) - An Indian newspaper published banner headlines Monday saying Prime Minister P.V. Narasimba Rao had resigned and former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar had been invited to form an all-party government. The Hindi-language Rashtriya Sahara said Mr. Rao was fed up with infighting in the ruling Congress Party. He sub-mitted his resignation to President Shankar Dayal Sharma, who invited Chandra Shekhar to form a government, it said. Other news items on the front page of the newspaper had Finance Minister Manmohan Singh appointed head of the World Bank, two Bombay film actresses in fisticuffs on a set, an 800 per cent increase in college fees and the co. eletion of a metro railway in New Delhi by the end of the year. Even the front-page cartoon showed the character from a rival newspaper's strip. The cartoon said he was joining the sahara because the previous artist had been banned for using steroids. They were all hoax news items published on Holi, the Hindu spring festival associat with mirth and practical jokes. But journalists working on the festival day in India's two national news agencies said they if the news about Mr. Rao's quitting was true.

### 2 rescued from life-raft in mid-Atlantic

CAPE TOWN (R) - A British yachtsman and a South African woman were on their way to Cape Town Sunday after being rescued from a life-raft surrounded by sharks in the South Atlantic. "It was like seeing the Star of Bethlehem," Briton Paul Rogers said, describing the approach of the ship which rescued him and Kate Anderson Saturday. The northlight picked them up after eight days on the life-raft. Their yacht Baltic wind, in which they had sailed in the Cape to Rio race, struck a floating object. It sank on Feb. 26, 10 days after leaving Rio De Janeiro on the return trip. Mr. Rogers, speaking to a reporter by radio from the northlight, said packs of big sharks had swum around their life-raft, frequently ramming it. The Northlight was expected to dock in Cape Town on March 12. Earlier, Cape Town Port authorities said two British men and a South African woman had been rescued from the life-raft.

### Mother charged in track star's slaying

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old track star, police said. Vivien King, 42, was arrested on murder and weapons charges in the slaying of her daughter, Shilie Turner, who was shot six times, including four times in the head, Police Commissioner Richard E. Neal said. Police refused to discuss a possible motive or other details of Mrs. King's arrest. Turner was last seen at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 10 after a bus dropped her off about six blocks from her home. Her mother reported her missing the next day. Her frozen body was found on Feb. 20 under some brush at a local park. The girl had talked about wanting to leave home for two years because she didn't get along with her mother, her coach, Tim Hickey, said Sunday. Local athletic officials had called Turner the best high school runner in the city and one of the five best in the nation. She ran the anchor leg in several national championship relays, and three days before her disappearance she set a regional record for the 800 metres,